

OLM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
August 8, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Father Don	Father Mark	Marty Kadziela
Audrey Biegon	Jeff LeRoy	Bettye Abbott
John Shea	Vince Wardein	Phil Britton
Jolene LeRoy	Tom Curcio	Karen Troller
Bill Holbrook	Phil Britton	Claudia Molina

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Marty Kadziela.

Father Don-Purpose of meeting:

Purpose of the meeting: Share vision as new priest team. Parish Council is the vision of the parish, Share vision and direction as they hear it from parishioners.

Opening Prayer- Father Don

Parish council members introduced themselves and their Commissions represented

Gladys Vijayan and Luchie Saraceni have resigned from the Parish Council

Message from Father Don and Father Mark:

- Move from “function mode:
- Offer everyone a life changing encounter with Jesus
- Think outside the walls of the church
- Mission Mode- not Maintenance Mode
- Share with the ‘unchurched”
- Propose-don’t impose
- Our building days are over
- Rethink goals, style and methods of evangelization
- Observations
- Technology-web site needs overhaul
- Communications Plan- review and budget
- Use Apps and Podcasts
- 1500 hits on recent video
- Get more active with social media
- Use Facebook
- TV monitors with announcements

- Develop culture of hospitality
- Fromed.org- get 7 day free trial, review for ideas- Possibly buy a parish subscription
 - Use in church
- Need wifi in building

Hospitality:

- Greeting-Greeters
- Need to be more intentional

Phil: Hearing the message from the pulpit, it's important.. If it's important to Father, it carries more weight. A personal invitations

Karen: have to hear more than once

Future Council Meeting:

- Discuss items presented at this meeting
- Council Guidelines- Diocese Guide to Parish Councils and Commissions
- Father Don questions to consider:
 - Does the Parish Council represent the background of the parish
 - Father- make sure we study the discernment process
- 9/30/17 Diocesan Assembly- Father Don requests representation
- Future council meeting dates:
9/12/17 , 10/10/17, 11/14/17, 1/9/18, 2/13/18- remainder to be determined

From the Floor:

Father hosting wine and cheese reception 8/17/17, 7:00

John Shea- suggest ideas for new resident welcoming

Bettye Abbott Stewardship:

- Should we still do the Time and Talent?

Father Mark:

- Suggest use "Charisms" to recruit
- Highlight ministries at Hospitality events
- Change name of hospitality Sunday

Final Prayer

