

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Room
Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

Executive:

Pastor: Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR	President: Geraldine Koban
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR	Vice-president: Gwen Bilyk
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR	Past President : Dave Spelay
	Treasurer: Kathy Rusnak
	Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha

Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski (Absent)	Shelley Kluk	
Communications: Val Thiessen	Julie Abrametz	Tom Abrametz
Education: Pat Thompson	Janet Lawrance	Val Thiessen
Finance: Fred Schrader (Absent)		
Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn	Ron Wizniak (Absent)	Laurie Fedorowich (Absent)
Maintenance: Peter Moroz	Theodore Trotz (Absent)	Bill Popik (Absent)
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak (Absent)	Dolores Harris	
Parish Activities: Faye Spelay		
Stewardship: Vi Protz		

Parish Organizations:

Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson (Absent)	Golden Agers: Verna Moroz
K of C: Bill Prybylski (Absent)	UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber
UCBC: Peter Moroz	

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Geraldine at 7:00 pm.

2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Bohdan

3. **Welcome:**

4. **Adoption of Agenda:**

a. Additions/Amendments:
Move Pastor's Report to New Business

b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as amended.*

Moved: Doreen Rathgeber; **Seconded:** Gwen Bilyk **Carried.**

5. **Minutes:**

a. Errors or Omissions: Nil

b. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: *That the minutes be adopted as presented.*

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha; Seconded: Faye Spelay Carried.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** nil

7. **Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Kathy Rusnak

Motion: *That the Treasurer's report for November 2016 be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber Carried.

Motion: *To close Scotiabank account*

Moved: Peter Moroz; Seconded: Dolores Harris Carried.

8. **Correspondence:**

- Christmas greetings received from The Board of Education and Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools
- Letter from Leland Campbell Law Office re the Estate of Bella Bilan, and bequest of \$2,500.00 to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish
- Invitation for Graduation ceremony of the Adult Faith Formation Program in Yorkton on January 21, 2017. Gwen Bilyk will attend as Vice-President of the Parish Council.

9. **Pastor's Report and Updates:** Father Bohdan

- See Report under "New Business"

10. **Committee Reports:**

a. **President's Report:** Submitted by Geraldine Koban

- For unto us a child is born ---

What an exciting and blessed time we are entering. Without the birth of our saviour, no one would have the gift of salvation and life hereafter. How easy it is to lose sight of that in the rush of getting ready for our family and community festivities. Tonight after our meeting, when we wish each other and our clergy a happy Christmas, let us be mindful of the reason we are celebrating. Perhaps Father Bohdan can lead us in singing a carol or two to help us refocus. Other than a few loose ends of business to tie up, and to receive reports from the committees, organizations and our Pastor, the agenda is very brief. The year is done and so are we!! New issues will arise in the New Year. It is fitting since we have worked together as a Council for the past 10 months, and each of you have had time to evaluate your role, that we take a look at how effectively are things going. If there is room for improvement, what might that be? The survey we discussed at the last meeting, with only two questions for you to answer, is included in your meeting package. There will be a brief time set aside at the meeting to complete the survey. Please be assured that your response is anonymous. In fact you might prefer to have it all done and printed ahead of time to just submit at the meeting. Wishing each of you and your families a very blessed and Christ centered Christmas. May it be a time to relax, reflect and (as we sometimes do at New Year's) recommit to living our faith in all that we do.

b. **Finance Committee:** No report

c. **Liturgical:** No report

d. **Parish Activities:** Report by Faye Spelay

- Theophany Eve (January 5, 2017) – Parish Potluck Supper

e. **Maintenance:** Submitted by Peter Moroz:

- Tractor needs repair, will take it to New Holland
- Carpet in Choir Loft will be installed after Christmas

f. **Children & Youth:** No report

g. **Education:** Submitted by Janet Lawrance and Pat Thompson

- On December 18, the Education Committee presented the final DVD in the six part series entitled “New Evangelization” with Bishop Robert Baron. The sessions allowed time for reflection and discussion. The committee is looking at future presentations, perhaps during the Lenten Period.
- For the last few weeks, our church bulletin has included upcoming weekly events in Christ the Teacher Schools. The task now is to ensure all schools provide current information.
- The Adult Faith Formation Program hosted at St. Mary’s Church, held its final class on December 9/10. Bishop Bryan presented the topic “Eastern Spirituality”.
- On January 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., the graduating class of the Adult Faith Formation Program in Yorkton will participate in a Divine Liturgy and Missioning ceremony followed by a reception at the Cultural Centre.

h. **Communications:** Submitted by Val Thiessen

- Photos were taken at the final DVD presentation on “New Evangelization” at the Faith Presentation class held on Sunday mornings
- Photo and informative article on the Bethlehem Flame of Peace presently at St. Mary’s
- Photo of Pylypivka or Advent preparation
- Photos submitted of St. Mary’s Communion Parent Meeting led by Father Bohdan.
- Photos of the Nativity
- All photos submitted to Sask. Eparchy for inclusion into their website, and they will also be posted on our church website.

i. **Stewardship:** No report

j. **Outreach:** No report

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** Report submitted by Peter Moroz

- Regular and AGM held on December 18, 2016
- New president is Larry German

ii. **UCWLC:** Report submitted by Doreen Rathgeber

- Our Bazaar and Tea held in November was very successful
- Social held on December 5 – with Knights of Columbus as guests

- iii. **Knights of Columbus:** Report submitted by Dave Spelay
- 50/50 draw at Brunch - \$205.00 was donated to the Orphanage in Ukraine
 - Ordered 4 dozen "Coats for Kids". 50 were donated earlier. Family Resource Centre needs coats for Toddlers.
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest picked up recently and will be judged. In 2014 we were the winners in the Province. This year, four Yorkton Schools, as well as Melville and Theodore participating.
 - Will be ordering booklets "Building The Domestic Church" The Family Fully Alive, and will be handing these out to Parishioners in the New Year.
 - Our Nativity Scene was highlighted in the Knights of Columbus Sask. website.

iv. **UCY:** no report

v. **Golden Agers:** Report submitted by Verna Moroz

- Held December Christmas party.
- Bingos closed till end of January.

vi. **Cultural Centre:** No report

11. **Adoption of Reports:**

Motion: *That the Committee and Parish Organization reports be accepted as received.*

Moved: Faye Spelay;

Seconded: Vi Protz

Carried.

12. **On-going Business:**

a. **Parish Goals:** – Eparchial Ministry support – No report

b. **Parish Council internal evaluation and format for feedback.**

- Questionnaire circulated at meeting, time provided for completion.
- Will be reviewed and outcomes/results provided.

c. **Cleaning contract renewal**

- Father Bohdan advised that he has been in discussion with Lydia & Robert Sliva for cleaning services. Council members wishing to see the contract can access a copy in Father Bohdan's office.

Motion: *That we approve a new cleaning contract with Sliva's for \$750.00 month*

Moved: Peter Moroz;

Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber

Carried.

d. **Eliminate some special collection envelopes**

- Too late for 2016, order for 2017 must be done in January to obtain discount. Reviewed list of special collection envelopes. There are two Flower envelopes and two Eparchy envelopes for each year.

Motion: *To eliminate one Flower envelope and one Eparchy envelope.*

Moved: Tom Abrametz;

Seconded: Lorne Stechyshyn

Carried.

e. Grotto upkeep plan for spring 2017

• Dave Spelay advised that the Knights of Columbus will take on this project, and would like to discuss this with other organizations and work on it as a group.

f. Constitution review and update

• Father Ray advised that this will take a long time and we should start reviewing it early in 2017 so that it could be completed for the AGM in 2018.

13. New Business

a. Pastor's Report and Update

• Christmas letters received from Patriarch Shevchuk, from Metropolitan Lawrence and from Bishop Bryan. These will be available in the entrance to the church

- Thank you - Val Thiessen for taking pictures and submitting them to the website.
 - Those who decorated the church for Christmas
 - For generous donations to the Orphans in Ukraine
 - Council members who come out and contribute to the parish organization

14. Meeting Dates for January, 2017

a. Executive: January 10, 2017

b. Parish Council: January 17, 2017

15. Motion of Adjournment: Geraldine Koban at 7:50 pm.

16. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Ray

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha

Potluck social was enjoyed by everyone present.