

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Centre Church Basement
Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

Executive:

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| Pastor: Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSSR | President: Gwen Bilyk |
| Assistant Pastor: Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSSR (<i>Absent</i>) | Vice-president: |
| Assistant Pastor: Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSSR | Past President : Geraldine Koban |
| | Treasurer: Kathy Rusnak /Leona Matisho |
| | Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha |

Committees:

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| Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski | Shelley Kluk (<i>Absent</i>) |
| Communications: Julie Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>) | Tom Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>) Mary Prybylski |
| Education: Pat Thompson | Janet Lawrance |
| Finance: Fred Schrader (<i>Absent</i>) | |
| Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn | Ron Wizniak Laurie Fedorowich (<i>Absent</i>) |
| Maintenance: Peter Moroz | Bob Paskaruk |
| Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak | |
| Parish Activities: Dolores Harris (<i>Absent</i>) | |
| Stewardship: Vi Protz | |

Parish Organizations:

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| Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson (<i>Absent</i>) | Golden Agers: Verna Moroz |
| K of C: Dave Spelay (<i>Absent</i>) Bill Prybylski | UCWLC: Elsie Stechyshyn |
| UCBC: Peter Moroz | |

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gwen Bilyk at 7:00 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Bohdan
3. **Welcome and Introductions:**
Ryan Kitchen – Review of Parish Financial Audit
4. **Adoption of Agenda:**
 - a. Additions/Amendments:
 - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

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

Moved: Vi Protz;

Seconded: Lorne Stechyshyn

Carried.

5. **Minutes:**
 - a. Errors or Omissions:
 - Father Bohdan was in attendance at the December, 2017 meeting.
 - Motions omitted in error from the December, 2017 meeting –

Operating Account #830452589401

Investment #830452634652 - \$101,584.49, term due December 15, 2017

Motion: *Transfer \$25,000.00 to operating chequing account*

Moved: Dolores Harris; Seconded: Tom Abrametz Carried.

Motion: *Re-invest \$76,584.49 with the Cornerstone Credit Union for 3 years at 2.25%.*

Moved: Tom Abrametz; Seconded: Vi Protz Carried.

b. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: *That the minutes from December, 2017 be adopted as amended.*

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha; Seconded: Peter Moroz Carried.

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

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

a. Questions arising from financial reports for December, 2017 and January 2018

b. Correction required for Investment #830452634652, matured on December 15, 2017 and motion made in December. Interest in the amount of \$1,873.94 was added to \$76,584.49, for a total of investment reinvested \$78,458.43.

c.

Motion: *That the Treasurer's Report for December 2017 be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; Seconded: Leona Matisho Carried.

d.

Motion: *That the Treasurer's Report for January 2018 be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; Seconded: Bill Prybylski Carried.

8. **Correspondence:**

- Thank you notes from Fathers
- Thank you note from SSMI for donations to Orphanage in Ukraine (\$1,486.50)
- Thank you letter from Parkland Right to Life (dated April, 2017)
- Letter received from Sacred Heart High School. As per our standing motion, 2 scholarships of \$300.00 each will be presented to two students at Sacred Heart High School

9. **Committee Reports:**

a. **President's Report:** Submitted by Gwen Bilyk

President's report for February 2018

It is difficult to believe that we are preparing for our annual meeting in a few weeks time.

Tonight our Auditors will give us a preview of our financial statements so we can see what is happening in our Parish and ask any questions we may have.

Have we been fiscally responsible with our resources as a Parish Council? As Parishioners have we shared our Treasures adequately to meet the commitments of our Parish?

A reminder to have your yearly reports in to Teresa by March 4th so she can prepare the booklet for the AGM as it must be available to the Parishioners one week prior to the Annual Meeting.

I would like to renew our discussion on automatic withdrawals for our Parishioners as a convenient way to make our regular contributions whether we are present in Church or away on vacation or other commitments. It should also make our financial planning easier by knowing what our monthly income is projected to be.

Since January meeting was cancelled, some items will be brought forward for discussion at this meeting which makes our agenda look a bit lengthy but if we don't get sidetracked too often we should finish in good time.

I do not believe we will have a regular PC meeting in March due to our annual meeting so we will set a meeting date in April at our February meeting.

Thank you all for the cooperation, fellowship and hard work during the past year, I look forward to working with you again in the coming year [if re-elected].

To those who may not be staying for another year, you will be missed, thank you for the gift of your time and talents.

Sincerely

Gwen Bilyk, president of Parish Council

b. **Finance Committee:** Report submitted by Fred Schrader (Finance Chair) with recommendations:
The Parish has 3 investments maturing in March at the Cornerstone Credit Union.

a. Building Fund: #8304 5265 6499 Maturing on March 1, 2018 for \$45,911.76

Motion: Reinvest this fund for 2 years at 2.25% at Cornerstone Credit Union

Moved: Peter Moroz;

Seconded: Elsie Stechyshyn

Carried.

b. Operating Fund: #8304 5265 6507 Maturing on March 1, 2018 for \$55,628.08

Motion: Reinvest this fund for 2 years at 2.25% at Cornerstone Credit Union

Moved: Peter Moroz;

Seconded: Elsie Stechyshyn

Carried.

c. Operating Fund: #8304 5265 9972 on March 15, 2018 for \$82,110.78
Executive to make a decision on this fund when it matures.

We should have sufficient cash in the investment saving account at the Credit Union should we need, as well we have investments coming due in May and November of 2018.

c. **Liturgical:**

a. Report submitted by Ukrainian Choir for 2017

Received \$500.00 donation from St. Marys , Expenses \$735.25. Deficit of \$235.25

b. Report submitted by English Choir for 2017

Balance forward \$1,389.56, Received \$551.55 including donation from St. Marys of \$500.00, Expenses \$300.00, Ending Balance \$1,641.11

d. **Parish Activities:** No report

e. **Maintenance:** Submitted by Peter Moroz and Bob Paskaruk

- Water break repaired in Church

- Tractor repaired at New Holland \$595.00, (Hydraulic System had failed)

- Paint is peeling in several areas in the church. This will need to be monitored and a decision made this summer as to the best approach to rectify this. Note: Church was last painted in 2007 (11 years this summer)

- The top of the back rests and end panels of the pews will need to be cleaned and varnished.

- Extra handrails should be installed to the choir loft – and down to the lower level in the east end.

Material \$160.00, approximate labour cost \$150.00, total \$310.00

- Will be applying for a Lottery Grant to renovate the Golden Agers area.

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

g. **Education:** Report by Pat Thompson

In the months of January and February we continue to present the DVD series: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" with Jeff Cavins. Sessions begin at 10:10am in the Golden Agers Room.

(Dates: January 28 and February 11, with our final session on February 25)

The Yorkton Adult Faith Formation Program, organized and presented by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate continues with sessions on February 16/17 with graduation slated for March 10, 2018.

h. **Communications:**No report

i. **Stewardship:** Submitted by Vi Protz

Слава Ісусу Христу ! Слава на Вікі!

I pray for Bishops and priests, our own Fathers Bohdan, Methodius and Ray, ailing Fathers Jeffrey, Len and all others. For all Golden Agers, Joyce and Peter (they recently had surgery), for my Family, for all parishioners, for all religious, vocations, all living and deceased. God bless you and keep you safe. Love you lots

Yours in Christ's passion, As Always

Vi Protz

j. **Outreach:** February 2018 Report

This month we will be sending a cheque for the amount of \$750.00 to the St. Mary's School Nutrition Program and another cheque for \$750.00 to DREAMbuilders Learning Center. Also, several bags of food have been given to St. Mary's School.

We thank our parishioners for their generous donations.

Verlee Zulyniak

k. **Parish Organizations:**

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

- Held Eparchial Meeting Saturday February 17, 2018 – 22 members
- Regular Meeting – approved 2 scholarships to Sacred Heart
- UCBC 2018 Lottery (Eparchial)
- Installed Eparchial Executive - 2 members from Regina, 2 members from Saskatoon
- 1 member from Yorkton (Peter Moroz)

ii. **UCWLC:** Report by Elsie Stechyshyn

- March 5 will be Installation of Executive, Pot Luck Supper and Membership Meeting
- Bake Sale will be March 13 and 14
- Planning a Steak Night as a fundraiser, no date yet

iii. **Knights of Columbus:** February 2018 Report Father Delaere No. 5182

- Donated to Snowrama \$500.00
- Donated to Kailee and Alyssa Popowich Snowrama 2x\$25.00 = \$50.00
- Admission of four new Brother Knights Carl Halushka, Brian Halarewich, Kevin Kluk, Tyrel Frankl
- State Convention Yorkton April 20, 21, 22, 2018 Registrations are coming in. We are looking for help, you do not have to be a Knight
- Led Rosary prior to prayers for Paul Lazurko and Honour Guard at Funeral
- State Curling Feb. 9 – 11 at Shellbrook – Skip – Calvin Werner, 3rd – Bill Prybylski, 2nd – Dave Hull, Lead – Myron Kulasa, Placed Second in "A" Event

Submitted by: Dave Spelay, Grand Knight, and Bill Prybylski, Deputy Grand Knight

iv. **UCY:** no report

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

- Bingos continue on Thursdays
- Birthdays this Thursday

vi. **Cultural Centre:** No report

10. Adoption of Reports:

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

Moved: Kathy Rusnak;

Seconded: Verna Moroz

Carried.

11. **Old / On-going Business:**

a. Financial Statements from Choirs – See report under Liturgical Committee

b. Update on Groundskeeper Contract – Father Bohdan
This is the second year of 2 year contract

c. “Transitions in Life Presentation” by Brenda Pasloski

Report by Father Bohdan – Would be brief presentation at each of the Liturgies and then plan a day later on.

d. AGM for Parish

- Date – Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Cultural Centre, after 10:00 a.m. Liturgy
- Committee Reports to be in by Friday, March 2
- Appoint Chair for meeting - Peter Moroz
- Appoint Secretary for AGM - Leona Matisho

12. **New Business**

a. Investments coming due in March - See Treasurer’s and Finance Report

b. Chamber Benefit Plan for 2018 – Information received from Eparchy of Saskatoon.

Increase from 2017 is \$341.53 for PST (Aug. 1/17 – Dec. 31/18) and \$15.36 for employee benefit increase effective January 1, 2018. Therefore, the increase for “Employer” will be from \$166.84 to \$181.71 per month for a total of \$2,180.59 for year 2018. The balance of \$2,180.58 is paid by employees. Increase in amount due to PST added to insurance benefit in last budget. This should decrease again as the New Premier has stated he will remove the PST from Insurance in the new budget.

c. Theodore School Board Financial support for court case

Motion: *Donate \$1,000.00 to the Theodore School Board Financial support for court case.*

Moved: Vi Protz;

Seconded: Bob Paskaruk

Carried.

d. Pro-life message on The Rock

Invite Parkland Right to Life to make a presentation to our Parish Council. Table to April meeting

e. Pre-authorized Giving Program – Report by Father Bohdan
Donations have gone down every year, expenses continue even when parishioners are away on vacation.

Motion: *Bring forward and promote at AGM*

Motion: Pat Thompson;

Seconded: Lana Klemetski

Carried.

f. EPC update

Geraldine Koban and Pat Thompson attended the Eparchial Pastoral Council Meeting on February 3, 2018 at St. George's Cathedral in Saskatoon. The morning began with reports presented by the various Eparchial ministries followed by an Eparchial Pastoral Council meeting focusing on the Stewardship Forum which was held in November. Geraldine and Pat provided Parish Council with highlights from these ministry reports with an invitation to seek further information and communication from the Eparchial website.

f. Report of Nominating Committee – Father Bohdan reported that the Committee has met, and hoping that present Members stay on for another year.

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

- Thank you to Pat and Geraldine for representing our Parish at the Eparchial Pastoral Council.
- Inviting more attendance at our Lenten Services
- Father Ivan Nahachewsky will be here on Monday for a District Parishes Meeting.
- This Sunday, February 25, 2018, Bishop Michael Budnyj from Ukraine will join us in the celebration of the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. and we will have a small reception in his honour. He will have a chance to share his story and to meet our parishioners.
- Our Vidpust is scheduled for June 23 and will include the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Father Delaere
- Father Bohdan will be away for one week – March 5 – 9.
- Father Ray and Father Bohdan will be attending a meeting at St. Anne de Beaupre - April 9 – 13, with other Redemptorist ministries, with the goal of consolidating them into one ministry. Father Kushko will remain in Yorkton to serve our Parish.

Motion: *Honorarium of \$500.00 to Bishop Budnyj upon his visit to our Parish.*

Moved: Peter Moroz;

Seconded: Lorne Stechyshyn

Carried.

14. **Meeting Dates for March 2018 – AGM March 18, 2018.**

15. **Motion of Adjournment:** Gwen Bilyk at 9:05 pm.

16. **Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Kushko

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha