

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Room
Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

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

Parish Organizations:

Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson <i>(Absent)</i>	Golden Agers: Verna Moroz
K of C: Bill Prybylski	UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber
UCBC: Larry German	

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:

b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

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

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded: Julie Abrametz

Carried.

5. **Minutes:**

a. Errors or Omissions: Nil

b. Adoption of Minutes:

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

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha; **Seconded:** Gwen Bilyk **Carried.**

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

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

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

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; **Seconded:** Doreen Rathgeber **Carried.**

8. **Correspondence:**

• Thank you cards from Father Bohdan, Father Ray and Father Methodius, appreciation for Christmas gifts received.

9. **Committee Reports:**

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

Welcome back and into a brand new year with new challenges, changes and also new hope. Positive thought is ... the days are getting longer!! Unlike the rest of the world, we are still celebrating Christmas. So let us joyfully greet each other ...CHRIST IS BORN!! GLORIFY HIM!!

Thank you to all who responded to the brief Parish Council survey we did at the last meeting. I've compiled a list of the responses which is included with your meeting package. We will spend some time at the meeting to share our thoughts and maybe elaborate a bit on whether there is any action we can take on the suggestions for making things better. For example the seating arrangement at a meeting might seem like a small thing, but it can contribute so much to how people participate and are included.

From my own perspective I was pleased to see the positive feeling members have regarding their position on the Parish Council. Although being new and not fully knowing what is expected in a number of portfolios can be frustrating, this did not dampen the sense that there still is a purpose and a reward for serving. It is especially nice hearing how it has built community within the group and the benefit of getting to know other parishioners as well as having the opportunity to learn how things work within the church and the parish.

So, please read the list of responses and come to the meeting prepared to share and explore. We need and value everyone's input.

Also you will note it is Nominating Committee time again. Dave Spelay with the committee and clergy will be approaching parishioners to serve. Please give prayerful thought to your response if you are asked to continue or perhaps accept a different role on the Council.

Stay warm.... I hope you enjoyed Malanka!!

In Christ,
Geraldine Koban
Parish Council President

b. **Finance Committee:** No report

c. **Liturgical:** No report

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

• 55 people attended the potluck Epiphany supper

- Next Brunch: February 5, Presentation by Deborah Larmour following both brunches
- Knights of Columbus Indoor Track and Field meet: 52nd to be held in Saskatoon, January 26 – 28.
- State Curling: February 18 – 20 in Regina
- Spiritual Enrichment Weekend: March 10, 11 in Humboldt / Muenster
- Holy Family Prayer Program – Icon and Service – February 5 – 8.
- Will contribute to Snowarama

iv. **UCY:** no report

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

- Bingos will resume on January 26

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: Peter Moroz

Carried.

11. **On-going Business:**

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

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

- Responses reviewed and it was agreed that they were positive.
- Some items discussed were a New Constitution and Installation of New Council

12. **New Business**

a. AGM date, reports

Motion: *Date of our AGM to be March 26 and deadline for reports to be February 26.*

Moved: Faye Spelay

Seconded: Peter Moroz

Carried.

b. Nominating Committee – Dave Spelay and Committee to have this completed for next month.

c. Family Life Office presentation

- Deborah Larmour will be speaking after the Knights of Columbus brunches on February 5th. This special presentation will focus on “My Family Home: A Place to Encounter the Living Christ”

d. Covenant of Care – Contact Person – Geraldine Koban

- February 5th – Training (2 hours) on protocol for issues of abuse

e. Adult Faith Formation Grad

- January 21, 2017.

- Gwen Bilyk will be representing Parish Council at the reception

13. **Pastor's Report and Updates**
- Congratulations to the Adult Faith Formation Grads. Very impressed with this excellent program, new class starting on March 24
 - February 5, Deborah Larmour from the Family and Life Office will be speaking after the Knights of Columbus brunch.
 - February 11, Eparchial 'Cantor' Workshop for Yorkton Deanery 10:30 to 6:00, encouraging attendance.
 - February 16 & 17, priests will be at a Clergy Conference in Saskatoon
 - Will be away preaching missions in Brandon and Portage la Prairie the week of March 19, and in Saskatoon at the Dormition Parish the week of April 2.
 - April 23, First Holy Communicants
 - Week of May 9, Redemptorist Chapter meeting
 - Thanks to Father Ray for his involvement with the schools, including Blessings of Water
 - Last week was the 100 Anniversary Celebration of Sacred Heart School
 - Visited with Father Len in Winnipeg who is receiving treatment, reminder that he is our speaker at Vidpust this year
 - Father Boris is receiving treatment in Regina
 - Urging prayers for Father Len and for Father Boris
14. **Meeting Dates for February, 2017**
- a. Executive: February 14, 2017
 - b. Parish Council: February 21, 2017
15. **Motion of Adjournment:** Geraldine Koban at 8:15 pm.
16. **Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Ray

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha