

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Br. John Kanski Boardroom  
Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**Executive:**

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Peter Pidskalny, CSsR	<b>President:</b> Dave Spelay
<b>Assistant Pastor:</b> Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR	<b>Vice-president:</b> Gwen Bilyk
<b>Assistant Pastor:</b> Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR	<b>Past President :</b> Doreen Rathgeber
	<b>Treasurer:</b> Kathy Rusnak
	<b>Secretary:</b> Diane Stadnyk

**Committee Chairs & Parish Organizations:**

<b>Children &amp; Youth:</b> Pat McCoshen	<b>Parish Activities:</b> Faye Spelay
<b>Communications:</b> Doreen Rathgeber	<b>Stewardship / UCWLC:</b> Brenda Pasloski
<b>Finance:</b> Fred Schrader ( <i>Absent</i> )	<b>Cultural Centre:</b> Russ Thompson ( <i>Absent</i> )
<b>Liturgical:</b> Vacant	<b>Golden Agers:</b> Verna Moroz
<b>Maintenance / UCBC:</b> Peter Moroz	<b>K of C:</b> Steve Popowich ( <i>Absent</i> )
<b>Outreach:</b> Verlee Zulyniak ( <i>Absent</i> )	<b>Education:</b> Lorne Brischuk

1. Meeting was called to order by Dave Spelay at 7:00 pm.
2. Opening Prayer: Led by Father Peter Pidskalny
3. Welcome and President's Comments:  
Dave Spelay reminded the Parish Council that the Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and the committee reports are to be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday, February 2.
4. Adoption of Agenda:
  - a. Additions:  
Under 11(b) Habitat for Humanity Build  
Under 12(d) 2015 Cost of Living Increase for Parish Staff
  - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:  
  
**Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as presented/amended.***  
**Moved: Kathy Rusnak;      Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber      Carried.**
5. Minutes:
  - a. Errors or Omissions: none
  - b. Adoption of Minutes: December 16, 2014  
  
**Motion: *That the minutes be adopted as presented/amended.***  
**Moved: Peter Moroz;      Seconded: Gwen Bilyk      Carried.**
6. Business Arising from the Minutes: none
7. Treasurer's Report:  
  
**Motion: *That the Treasurer's December 2014 report be accepted as presented.***  
**Moved: Kathy Rusnak;      Seconded: Faye Spelay      Carried.**

8. Correspondence:
- a. Thank you card received from Father Methodius Kushko
  - b. Registration forms received for upcoming Sobor 2015, March 7 and 8
  - c. Newsletter received from Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine
  - d. Letter received from Priests for Life Canada

**Motion: *That the items of correspondence be filed as presented.***

**Moved: Lorne Brischuk; Seconded: Pat McCoshen Carried.**

9. Pastor's Report:  
Father Peter Pidskalny noted the excellent yearend Profit and Loss Statement. Thank you to our Parishioners for their generosity.  
Also noted the good turnout for the informational meeting held regarding the Eparchial Appeal.

10. Committee Reports:
- a. President's Report:
  - b. Finance Committee: no report
  - c. Liturgical: vacant
  - d. Parish Activities:  
Faye Spelay reported a successful Epiphany Pot Luck supper was held with approx. 70 Parishioners in attendance. The food was amazing. Also reported about 59 people enjoyed coffee and donuts following the Eparchial Appeal informational meeting.
  - e. Maintenance: no report
  - f. Children & Youth: no report
  - g. Education Committee:  
Lorne Brischuk reported that all programs are running well.
  - h. Communications:  
Doreen Rathgeber noted that in the past, Parish Council has sent flowers to staff members that are sick. She volunteered to arrange for flowers to be delivered to Teresa.
  - i. Stewardship: no report
  - j. Outreach:  
Written report: Our parishioners were very generous with food donations before Christmas. St. Mary's School picked up 14 boxes/bags of groceries for their lunch program. A big thank you to our parishioners for their support!
  - k. Parish Organizations:
    - i. UCBC: Peter Moroz reported the following:
      - An appreciation supper was held on January 9, with 75 people in attendance.
      - Regular meeting held on January 19
      - Donations: \$100.00 to Alzheimer Society, \$500.00 to St. Mary's School Food Program, \$100.00 to Telemiracle
    - ii. UCWLC: Gwen Bilyk reported the Annual General Meeting will be held on February 8.
    - iii. Knights of Columbus: Dave Spelay reported the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest received 108 entries. Judging was done by Father Peter, Father Ray, Dave and Faye Spelay. It was a difficult decision to pick the winning entries. Coats for Kids program continues in January with more coats to be distributed. Next Fundraising Brunch will be held on January 25.
    - iv. UCY: no report
    - v. Golden Agers: Verna Moroz reported the bingos will resume on January 29. Birthday and anniversaries will be celebrated that day.
    - vi. Cultural Centre: no report

I. Adoption of Reports:

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

**Moved: Gwen Bilyk;                      Seconded: Verna Moroz                      Carried.**

11. On-going Business:

a. Results of the Meeting Annual Eparchial Appeal:

Concerns raised: we need more information regarding the programs that will benefit from this appeal and the benefits to the Parish.

How many volunteers do we need?

We need definite goals and needs addressed.

**Motion: *That Father Peter, Father Ray, Dave Spelay and Diane Stadnyk draft a letter to send to Bishop Bryan expressing our concerns and requesting more information.***

**Moved: Peter Moroz;                      Seconded: Faye Spelay                      Carried.**

b. Habitat for Humanity Build: Gwen Bilyk reported there is a spring build planned. Applications for the program have been received, but they are still accepting applications. There will be requests for volunteers for the build and for providing meals. The car raffle was successful.

12. New Business

a. Nominating Committee: Doreen Rathgeber reported the committee members will be Curtis McCoshen, Terry Ruf, Bill Prybyski and Doreen Rathgeber.

b. Audit Tuesday, February 3, 2015 Collins & Burrows (Ryan Kitchen)

c. Annual General Meeting Sunday, March 1, 2015

d. 2015 Cost of Living Increases for Parish Staff

Information will be available at the next meeting. The increases will be paid retroactive to January 1, 2015.

*Note: Lorne Brischuk left the room due to conflict of interest.*

13. Closing Remarks:

- Training session for Eparchial Appeal to be held at the end of February.

- Peter Moroz suggested removing a pew from the choir loft and relocating to the Golden Agers Centre.

- Father Peter agreed with the suggestion.

14. Meeting Dates for February:

a. Executive: Tuesday, February 3, 2015

b. Parish Council: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

15. Motion of Adjournment: Dave Spelay at 7:54 pm.

16. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Ray Lukie