

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Br. John Kanski Boardroom
Tuesday, June 16, 2015**

Executive:

Pastor: Fr. Peter Pidskalny, CSSR <i>(Absent)</i>	President: Geraldine Koban
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSSR	Vice-president: Faye Spelay
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSSR	Past President : Dave Spelay
	Treasurer: Kathy Rusnak
	Secretary: Diane Stadnyk

Committee Chairs & Parish Organizations:

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

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Geraldine Koban at 7:00 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Ray
3. **Welcome**
4. **Adoption of Agenda:**
 - a. Additions:
 - New Business:
 - f. Ukrainian Classes
 - g. Church Envelopes
 - h. Father B. Lukie
 - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

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

Moved: Brenda Pasloski; Seconded: Fred Schrader Carried.
5. **Minutes:**
 - a. Errors or Omissions: None
 - b. Adoption of Minutes: May 19, 2015

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

Moved: Diane Stadnyk; Seconded: Kathy Rusnak Carried.
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion: *That the Treasurer's May report be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; **Seconded:** Fred Schrader **Carried.**

Motion: *To have available at the church entrances, donation envelopes labelled "Church Donation" in addition to regular Visitor Envelopes.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; **Seconded:** Faye Spelay **Carried.**

8. **Correspondence:**

- a. Fully Alive newsletter from Blessed Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine
- b. Letter received from City of Yorkton Public Hearing regarding the proposed construction of two, three story, twelve unit apartment buildings at 138 & 148 Catherine Street, across from St. Mary's Church property.

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

Moved: Gwen Bilyk; **Seconded:** Vi Protz **Carried.**

9. **Committee Reports:**

a. **President's Report:** written report submitted by Geraldine Koban

- Vipust is approaching and we need to plan a program for the Brunch. We will also be celebrating Father Kushko's 45th anniversary of Priesthood.
- Need ideas on how to meet our Parish Goals of Outreach, Relationships and Catechesis.
- Still waiting for information on the roof repairs
- After the meeting we will have a social time to celebrate Father Kushko's 83rd birthday and Peter and Verna Moroz's 58th wedding anniversary.

b. **Finance Committee:** report submitted by Fred Schrader

- GIC's that matured in April were reinvested at the Canadian Western Bank for 2-year Non-Redeemable GIC 1.9126%.
- The next investments due in Operating Fund is Nov 21, 2015 for approx. \$99,735.
- Building Fund next GIC matures Feb 12, 2016.
- Caretaker Contracts matures December 31, 2015.

c. **Liturgical:** No report

d. **Parish Activities:** report submitted by Faye Spelay

- The Vipust Brunch and Father Kushko's Anniversary is all organized, still needing workers.

e. **Maintenance:** report submitted by Peter Moroz

- A representative from Logan Stevens, Father Ray and Peter looked at some of the areas of the church that need repairs. Logan Stevens will submit a quote of approximate cost to do the work.
- Some spruce trees have been trimmed up
- Proposed condo development across the street – concerns are: lack of parking for tenants; Parish grounds become a playground; liability issues. Letter to be sent to City Council detailing the Parish concerns.

f. **Children & Youth:** report submitted by Pat McCoshen

- Congratulatory cards to be sent to 10 graduates from Sacred Heart and Regional High.

g. **Education Committee:** report submitted by Lorne Brischuk

- Most of the programs are taking a break for the summer. A big thank you to all who have been organizing and helping with these programs and activities.
- Congratulations to Geraldine Koban on her completion and graduation of the Eparchial Lay Formation Program.

h. Communications: No report

i. Stewardship: report submitted by Vi Protz

- When I see people in Church that I have not seen before, I ask them if they are new to the Parish or if they are just visiting. Either way I say “thank you for coming to liturgy to pray with us”.
- Vi would be willing to pray with shut-ins as well as be of assistance to the our Pastors.

j. Outreach: report submitted by Verlee Zulyniak and Elizabeth Zahayko

- To date the Outreach Committee has received \$949.00 in cash donations from the collection at Easter time and various donations received from generous parishioners.
- Have taken 10 boxes of food to St. Mary’s School for their lunch nutrition program.
- In early September we will give some money to both St. Mary’s School and DREAMbuilders
- Comments made by the staff at St. Mary’s School is that they are most appreciative of the food being generously donated by the Parishioners of St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church.

k. Parish Organizations:

UCBC: report submitted by Peter Moroz

- Presented 2 scholarships at Sacred Heart High School graduation
- Two members travelled to Regina for an Eparchial and National meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood
- Decorated the entrance to the Church with greenery for Pentecost weekend
- Recited the Rosary during the month of May prior to the 9:00am Sunday Divine Liturgy
- Took part in the Living Rosary
- Joined the Knights of Columbus and UCWLC for the Parish Picnic on June 7.

UCWLC: report submitted by Brenda Pasloski

- June was our last meeting before summer. We had a salad and dessert potluck for our last meeting
- Joined the Knights and Brotherhood to sponsor our annual year end BBQ
- Cassidy Kowal and Issac Pasloski were the recipients of the UCWLC scholarships
- We held Tag Day on May 31st, over \$900.00 was collected.
- Members led the Rosary at every Saturday night Liturgy in May. On May 31, a special service was held during the 11:00am Liturgy to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the National UCWLC.
- In October, Yorkton will host the Eparchial convention.

Knights of Columbus: Dave Spelay reported

- Effective July 1, Grand Knight will be Bill Prybylski
- Presently 123 members and one new member has joined the Knights

UCY: no report

Golden Agers: report submitted by Verna Moroz

- Father’s Day supper planned for June 25th
- Several new members have joined
- Bingo’s will continue through the summer months

Cultural Centre: no report

I. Adoption of Reports:

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

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

10. **On-going Business:**

a. **Annual Appeal Update:** As of Friday, June 12 the amount of donations has reached \$18, 815.00. Number of Parishioners that have donated to the Appeal is 89.

b. **Parish Goals:** Suggestion made to have guest speakers from the Eparchial Youth Ministry and Family Life offices to speak to Parish Council about their programs and how they can help us to achieve our Parish goals. The Sisters from UCREC and Father Gregory are planning to hold Catechesis classes on a monthly basis. Will invite them to speak at the October Parish Council meeting.

c. **Pigeon Issues:** Calls have been made to City Hall, the Mayor and Phil do Vos regarding our concerns with the pigeon issues in the area surrounding the Church. So far, no response to our concerns.

11. **New Business**

a. **Bank service changes:** The Cornerstone Credit Union has a plan available that would better suit the needs of the Parish rather than our present banking arrangement.

Motion: *To transfer the St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Operating Account and St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Building Fund Account to the Cornerstone Credit Union. Access to be given to Parish Accountant for viewing only of account details.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; **Seconded:** Peter Moroz **Carried.**

b. **Roof inspection and repair:** Roof inspection showed signs of leakage within the dome. Painting starting to loosen around windows. Waiting for repair estimate from Logan Stevens.

c. **Vipust dinner program:** Program to be planned by Father Ray, Dave Spelay and Geraldine Koban. Will ask the Ukrainian Choir to sing a couple of hymns.

d. **Staff health benefit insurance:** Two staff members have enrolled in the Health Benefit Insurance plan effective July 1, 2015

Motion: *St. Mary's Parish to cover 50% of the premiums for the Employee Health Insurance at a cost of \$127.16 per month*

Moved: Brenda Pasloski; **Seconded:** Dave Spelay **Carried.**

e. **Summer contingency plan:** If necessary, the Executive Council or Parish Council may be called during the summer to handle any issues that may arise.

f. **Ukrainian Classes:** Meeting to be held to discuss upcoming classes

g. **Church Envelopes:** Information regarding the number of envelope holders and average per envelope to be put in bulletin.

h. **Father Bohdan Lukie:** Father Bohdan to be here August 1.

12. **Pastor's Remarks:**

Father Peter to return to Rectory on Wednesday, June 24.

Thank you to Parish Council and Geraldine for helping out during Father Peter's absence.

13. **General discussion:**

We will need more ushers during the Sunday Vipust service

Thank you to Father Ray for filling in as Pastor during the past few months

14. **Meeting Dates for September:**

a. Executive: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

b. Parish Council: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

15. **Motion of Adjournment:** Geraldine Koban at 8:40 pm.

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

Minutes recorded by: Diane Stadnyk