

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Br. John Kanski Boardroom
Tuesday, May 19, 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 (<i>Absent</i>)	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. **Adoption of Agenda:**
 - a. Additions:
 - Under New Business:
 - (e) Employee Health Insurance
 - (f) Candle Stands
 - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as amended.*
Moved: Faye Spelay; Seconded: Pat McCoshen Carried.
4. **Minutes:**
 - a. Errors or Omissions:

Error: *Minutes April 21, 2015 should read – Opening Prayer Led by Father Ray*
 - b. Adoption of Minutes: April 21, 2015

Motion: *That the minutes be adopted as amended.*
Moved: Diane Stadnyk; Seconded: Kathy Rusnak Carried

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Motion: *To rescind the following motion from Minutes of March 17, 2015: To invest GIC's Building Fund \$25,363.48 and Operating Fund \$26,641.71 with the Bank of Nova Scotia, term 1 year at a rate of 1.35%.*

Moved: Diane Stadnyk; Seconded: Vi Protz Carried.

Motion: *To invest the following funds with The Bank of Nova Scotia:*

Account #1748375 Bldg Fund \$44,520.74 Certificate #12RHBP 1 year @ 1.35% Maturity date February 12, 2016 and Account #1748383 Operating \$53,942.68 Certificate #12RHCR 1 year @1.35% Maturity Date February 12, 2016

Moved: Diane Stadnyk; Seconded: Gwen Bilyk Carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

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

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; Seconded: Brenda Pasloski Carried

7. **Correspondence:** None

8. **Committee Reports:**

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

- Geraldine thanked everyone for the help she has received as she transitions into the role of President.
- The Eparchial Appeal continues. Thank you to Doreen Rathgeber for Chairing the Appeal.
- Planning continues on implementing the Parish Goals
- Reminder that Father Peter Pidskalny continues to need our prayers as he recovers. We are very grateful to Father Ray Lukie for assuming Father Peter's responsibilities in his absence.

b. **Finance Committee:** report submitted

- Due to the Annual Eparchial Appeal, suggestion made to postpone the raffle until later in the year or the beginning of next year.

Motion: *To invest Operating Fund account #1748383 Certificate #NTOJP, amount \$55,108.42, maturity date April 27, 2015 and Building Fund account #1748375 Certificate #XNH96, amount \$101,071.26, maturity date April 29, 2015 at the best available rate as determined by Fred Schrader.*

Moved: Faye Spelay; Seconded: Vi Protz Carried.

c. **Liturgical:** no report

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

- The First Holy Communion brunch was held on April 25, 15 children and parents attended.
- The Knights of Columbus will host the Vipust Brunch on June 28, as this is a Parish Event it would be nice to have Parish Council members involved in the preparation and clean up.
- We will also celebrate Father Kushko's 45 Anniversary of the Priesthood at this event. Cake will be served after the Brunch.

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

- We need to take action in regard to the pigeons that are creating a mess on the church property.
- Our evergreen trees need attention. They need to be trimmed up and cleaned underneath.

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

- First Solemn Holy Communion was celebrated on April 26, and on April 25, the Solemn Communicants received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- One young adult attended the “Spring Forth with Christ” Retreat at St. Basil’s Parish in Regina on May 1-3.
- Planning has begun for World Youth Day in Poland 2016

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

- Just a short report to say that all seems to be going smoothly. I would like to thank the Parish Catechist for all the work getting the children ready for their First Holy Communion. It may not seem like a lot of work, but it takes a lot of time and effort.

h. **Communications:** report submitted by Doreen Rathgeber

- A message was placed in the bulletin letting the parishioners know we purchased a replacement photocopier and a plea for donations to help offset all or some of the costs. This has been a practice in the past and it has been successful.
- The Eparchial Appeal is well underway. Pledges were delivered to the Eparchial Office on Wednesday, May 13. Please encourage parishioners to consider making a pledge.

i. **Stewardship:** no report

j. **Outreach:** no report

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** report by Peter Moroz

- Handed out approximately 350 carnations to mothers on Mother’s Day
- Leading the praying of the Rosary prior to 9:00am Divine Liturgies on Sundays during the month of May
- Will be dressing the Church with greenery on Pentecost Sunday
- Working with K of C and UCWLC on Parish Picnic to be held on June 7th
- Handing out 2 scholarships to Sacred Heart Grads
- One scholarship to Yorkton Regional High Grad

ii. **UCWLC:** report by Brenda Pasloski

- May will be a busier month, as it is a devotional month to the Mother of God
- On May 31st, it is our Tag Day with a special collection at the Liturgies. Also, it is the 70th Anniversary of the National UCWLC and there will be a very short added prayer service at the 11:00am Liturgy on the 31st. There will be a Living Rosary and Strawberry Social in the evening.
- Some of the members volunteered to lead the Rosary at the 5:00pm Liturgy throughout the month of May
- We made a donation to the museum in memory of Sister Theodosia, as the museum was one of her great passions.
- We look forward to the June Year End Picnic

iii. **Knights of Columbus:** Dave Spelay reported

- Members attended a conference in Prince Albert on April 22 & 23
- Scholarships – 2 for \$500.00 each for Sacred Heart Grads and 1 \$500.00 for Yorkton Regional High grad
- June 1st will be last meeting, election of officers will be held

iv. **UCY:** no report

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

- On May 8th we served coffee for approximately 100 people for the late Matt Litwin's prayers
- On May 14th we had a Mother's Day banquet for approximately 25 people
- Bingo is held every Thursday at 1:00pm

vi. **Cultural Centre:**

- Sections of the parking lot will be redone

I. Adoption of Reports:

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

Moved: Peter Moroz; Seconded: Dave Spelay Carried.

9. **On-going Business:**

a. **Annual Appeal Update**

- To date, \$7,585.00 has been received for the Eparchial Appeal.

10. **New Business**

a. **Computer Purchase**

Motion: *To purchase a computer for the Parish Office, Lenovo Desktop – MJ029HXS – 3 year warranty – Windows 7 Pro, \$895.00 + taxes = \$984.50*

Moved: Peter Moroz; Seconded: Brenda Pasloski Carried.

b. **Pigeon Problems**

- No response from the City of Yorkton regarding our concerns about the pigeons in the area. Dave Spelay will contact Phil DeVos as to suggested actions to resolve the problem.

c. **Clergy Retreat June 9 – 12**

- Father Kushko will attend the retreat
- Father Ray will decide at a later date as to whether he will be able to attend.

d. **Parish Goals**

- Discussion continues. Suggestions to focus on Catechesis and Outreach

e. **Employee Health Insurance**

- Health Insurance benefits are available through the Eparchial for employees working 20 hours or more per week.
- No exclusions for pre-existing conditions
- Plan representative will travel from Saskatoon for a meeting with staff. Parish to cover 50% of the premiums.

f. Candle Stands

- St. Athanasius church has inquired about availability of candle stands. We have 2 that we will not be using. They will pick up. Decision made to donate the candle stands to St. Athanasius.

11. Pastor's Report:

- Father Ray stated he has been very busy. He is very appreciative of everyone's help during Father Peter's absence.

12. Meeting Dates for June:

- a. Executive: Tuesday, June 2, 2015
- b. Parish Council: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

13. Motion of Adjournment: Geraldine Koban at 8:30 pm.

16. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Kushko

Minutes recorded by: Diane Stadnyk