

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Br. John Kanski Boardroom
Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

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 <i>(Absent)</i>
	Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha

Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski	Shelley Kluk <i>(Absent)</i>	
Communications: Val Thiessen	Julie Abrametz <i>(Absent)</i>	Tom Abrametz
Education: Pat Thompson	Janet Lawrance	Val Thiessen
Finance: Fred Schrader		
Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn	Ron Wizniak <i>(Absent)</i>	Laurie Fedorowich <i>(Absent)</i>
Maintenance: Peter Moroz	Theodore Trotz <i>(Absent)</i>	Bill Popik <i>(Absent)</i>
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak	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 <i>(Absent)</i>
UCBC: Peter Moroz	

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Geraldine at 7:35 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Bohdan
3. **Welcome:**
4. **Adoption of Agenda:**
 - a. Additions: nil
 - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:
Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as presented.*
Moved: Lana Klemetski; **Seconded:** Val Thiessen **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 Fred Schrader

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

Moved: Fred Schrader; **Seconded:** Verlee Zulyniak **Carried.**

8. **Correspondence:**

Letter received from SIGN asking for financial assistance for the Senior Mobility Car. Discussed and noted that other parish organizations could deal with this, as they receive the same request. Also noted that there is a charge to people who use this car

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

- Father Leonard Ratushniak is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood next year and is booked for Vidpust. Both Father Leonard and Father Boris Kyba are dealing with health issues and we are asked to pray for them.
- Christmas schedule is being prepared, will be handed out in church and any left will be mailed.
- Criminal record checks discussed. Will be required for anyone involved with vulnerable sector people (children, youth or elderly).
- Will be contacting parishes that we serve, to collect fees for liability insurance.
- December 6 – Presentation at St. Mary's Cultural Centre – topic is Violence against Women, Speaker is Joy Smith. Council members are urged to attend.
- Can we consider candles in church that people can light as an extension of personal prayers. Most churches do have candles to light Discussion. Will look into insurance issues.

10. **Committee Reports:**

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

- We welcome Father Bohdan back from his "sanity break" and hope he had a wonderful time. Having no snow yet will make it easier for him to adjust back to our Saskatchewan reality!
- The Executive Committee has decided to try and return to the Boardroom for our Council Meetings. It is somewhat easier to access following the liturgy, as well as seating is more conducive to dialogue since no one has their back to the group. We welcome feedback on this decision.
- While pondering the pending internal review for the Parish Council, I gave some thought to what we might anticipate for feedback from Council members regarding their experience. For me certainly the absence of an orientation to the purpose and function of the Council, as well as the mandate of each committee would rank high. A possible reason for not having a proper orientation package is that the current Constitution (on which such a protocol would be based), is extremely out of date We will begin talking about a review and update with a plan to have a draft Constitution ready for the AGM in March. Is that too difficult to achieve? I have a copy of a recent upgrade done in another parish, which already has the approval of our Bishop. I think if we follow that template and adapt it to our needs we can move it along quickly enough to meet that goal.
- Our pre-Christmas fast, Pylypivka, began this week. May it be a time to deepen our faith and reflect on what it means for us when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

b. **Finance Committee:** Fred Schrader

- The last of our three (3) investments at Scotiabank were due in the month of November.

Building fund: Account #1748375

Maturity Date: November 12, 2016 BNS Long Term Non Redeemable GIC #100000011POMF \$26,536.46

Maturity Date: November 21, 2016 BNS Long Term Non Redeemable GIC #100000011SGWG \$108,355.33

Operating: Account #1748383

Maturity Date: November 12, 2016 BNS Long Term Non Redeemable GIC #100000011POWH \$79,599.35

Motion: *Re-invest the two GIC's that matured on November 12, 2016 with Cornerstone Credit Union, for 2 years with the rate of 1.5% and re-invest the GIC that matured on November 21, 2016 with Cornerstone Credit Union, for 3 years with the rate of 1.6%*

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded: Peter Moroz

Carried

c. **Liturgical:** No report

d. **Parish Activities:** No report

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

- Lawn mower was serviced
- Snow moving equipment was serviced
- Outside lights repaired
- Carpet for choir loft is in, but installer is busy

f. **Children & Youth:** Submitted by Lana Klemetski

- 15 children preparing for First Holy Communion
- Little Angels, only when volunteers available

g. **Education:** Submitted by Janet Lawrance and Pat Thompson

- DVD presentation on Sunday mornings is going well, 10 to 12 participants, 2 more scheduled for December

h. **Communications:** Submitted by Val Thiessen

- Two articles submitted to Sk Eparchy to put on their website.
- Catechism at St. Mary's Parish in Yorkton, Christ our Pascha instructed by Father Gregory, October 22, 2016
- St. Mary's Parish, Yorkton Hosts Pilgrims from Ukrainian Catholic Parishes of Russell & Rosburn, Manitoba, October 30, 2016

i. **Stewardship:** Written report submitted by Vi Protz

- I continue to pray for health and well-being for all Golden Agers and Parishioners, especially Peter & Verna Moroz. For all Religious, Bishops and Pope so they consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For all living and the dead. Love you lots.

j. **Outreach:** Report submitted by Verlee Zulyniak, Dolores Harris, Elizabeth Zahayko

- Our parishioners were very generous with donations for our Thanksgiving Food Drive held in October. We received \$838.00 in cash and along with funds already donated, we were able to send a cheque for \$750.00 to the St. Mary's School Nutrition Program and another cheque for \$750.00 to Dreambuilders Nutrition Program. We received a thank You from Dreambuilders with the following note: "the donation will be utilized by the Nutrition program at the school and provide the students with the necessities of life, which we often take for granted". We were also able to provide 35 bags of groceries to St. Mary's School and Cheryl Villeneuve expressed a sincere "thank you" for the donation to their Nutrition Program.

k. Parish Organizations:

- i. **UCBC:** Report submitted by Peter Moroz
 - Plans for Appreciation Supper in January
 - Plans for 75th Anniversary for Yorkton Brotherhood
- ii. **UCWLC:** No report
 - Comments by members that the Tea and Bake Sale on November 19 was successful.
- iii. **Knights of Columbus:** Report submitted by Bill Prybylski
 - Next Brunch will be December 4, 2016
 - Nativity Scene has been set up by the church
- iv. **UCY:** no report
- v. **Golden Agers:** No report
- vi. **Cultural Centre:** No report

11. Adoption of Reports:

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

Moved: Vi Protz;

Seconded: Tom Abrametz

Carried.

12. On-going Business:

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

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

• 2 questions for Council members to consider – will be anonymous. This Questionnaire will be included in the package that will be sent out prior to the December meeting and will be evaluated at that time.

13. New Business

a. **Cleaning contract renewal** - Elizabeth Zahayko has resigned, effective at the end of December, 2016. This contract will be advertised in the Bulletin.

b. **Discussion regarding special collection envelopes** – Father Bohdan advised that this will be reviewed.

c. **Festive year end gathering** – Will be held at our December meeting. Council members to bring appetizers.

d. **Grotto maintenance** – Discussion about cleaning this area. Deferred to spring meeting.

e. **Constitution review and update** – Geraldine Koban suggested that we start this in January, 2017

14. Meeting Dates for December, 2016

a. Executive: December 13, 2016

b. Parish Council: December 20, 2016

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

16. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Ray