

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Br. John Kanski Boardroom
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

Executive:

Pastor: Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR	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	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: Bill Prybylski
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak	Education: Lorne Brischuk <i>(Absent)</i>
	Stewardship: Vi Protz

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Geraldine Koban at 7:00 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Larry Kondra

Minutes of Joint Meeting between St. Mary's Parish Council and St. Mary's Cultural Centre Board of Directors. Held in Father Delaere Room, St. Mary's Cultural Centre.

3. **Proposed relocation of Parish Offices**

Explanation of activity to date – Father Bohdan Lukie CSsR

- The Monastery has 23 bedrooms. At present, there are 2 priests living there.
- We are looking at possible alternatives to the Monastery. We recognize that the parishioners would like the building to remain. It is a part of the history of Yorkton.
- The Priests do have the Duplex on Maple Ave, presently occupied by Father Bohdan, with accommodations available for the other Priests.
- One option being considered is renovating the Heritage Room. Need to consider whether this is good or bad for the Parish and the Cultural Centre. We need guidance from all.

Father Larry Kondra:

- Pope Francis has spoken about the two purposes of a church:
 1. To warm hearts
 2. To heal wounds
- We need to consider what we can do better, remembering we live in a world of business, not necessarily a Christian world
- We are here for discernment. We need to reach a place of peace, then unity and time to reach a decision.
- The Cultural Centre Board of Directors is a part of the Parish Council
- Our focus is on the relocation of the Parish offices
- We need to act while we can – all of us are getting older. We have to watch so we don't act or operate out of fear, but go forward in peace and love.

- There are two kinds of conversation:
 1. One of no possibilities, creates blame and division
 2. One of possibilities, sees potential, unites people and gives hope
- Facts: Looked at using Redeemers Press building, however it is not useable due to the past use of toxic inks, etc. Considered a mobile unit or add-on unit, but there are significant costs involved. The Cultural Centre is close by and there is space that would be suitable. It will take time and commitment and we need to work through this together.
- We need to consider the future of the Parish. Does the size of the Cultural Centre fit with the present and future needs of the Parish.

Question and Answer:

1. How much space is needed for the Parish Offices?

Approximately 1200 sq ft is needed. Not sure if an external entrance would be required.

2. How much will it impact the revenue of the Cultural Centre?

The Heritage Room is used for the larger functions. If the space is not available then some events will look to other venues. Potentially this could put 40 – 45% of the Cultural Centre's revenue at risk. Occupancy costs (heat power, taxes, etc) average about \$100,000 per year. Average profit of approximately \$20,000 per year.

3. What is the cost of renting office space at another location?

Rental costs range from \$10.00 per sq ft to \$18.00 per sq ft.

Comment: there is a need for availability of the Priests to the Church. Also the office staff need access to the church.

4. What about renovating the basement under the church?

The location is poor, it is not easily accessible. Any renovations would possibly involve bringing the building up to code.

Comment: the present building is sound. Suggestion made that we need an opinion from an architect as to the options available. Need to consider updating and renovating the Monastery basement, main floor, 2nd floor and closing up the 3rd floor.

5. Is renovating the Monastery an option?

An architectural firm from Saskatoon did give 6 different scenarios, costs ranged from \$500,000 to 1.5 million and possibly higher.

6. What is the cost of demolition?

It depends on the company and whether anything would be salvaged. The wall would need to be rebuilt between the Church and Monastery. If the Monastery was to be sold as is, there would be the cost of separating the two buildings with a fire wall, etc.

Meeting Adjourned by: Geraldine Koban at 7:45 pm.

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Bohdan

Parish Council members moved to Bother John Kanski Room for remainder of meeting.

4. Adoption of Agenda:

a. Additions:

Under new business: 12(c) Groundskeeper contract

b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

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

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded:Gwen Bilyk

Carried.

5. **Minutes:**
a. Errors or Omissions:
Error: 9 (k) ii: Report from UCWLC should read "Welcomed Father Ray as our Spiritual Leader".
b. Adoption of Minutes: September 15, 2015

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

Moved: Diane Stadnyk; Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber Carried.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** none

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion: That the Treasurer's September 2015 report be accepted as presented.

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; Seconded: Dave Spelay Carried.

8. **Correspondence:**

1. Father Peter – Thank you card

"Dear Parish Council Members. I thank each and everyone of you for your concern and dedication to St. Mary's Parish. I always appreciated your good advice and support. May God bless you for all you do. I ask that the Lord continue to bless and guide your heart and minds. Thank you for seven good years and your Farewell and Birthday gift of \$500.00.

2. Pat McCoshen – email received

Thank you so much for the liturgy offered for me, and for your kind words! I ask that you please thank the Parish council members on my behalf, and know that I will keep you in my prayers. God bless you all!

3. Letter received from Doreen Clark representing a deceased parishioner who has left a bequest to St. Mary's Parish.

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

Moved: Geraldine Koban; Seconded: Fred Schrader Carried.

9. **Pastor's Report:**

- It has been an exciting month. The welcome brunch was very much appreciated.
- Attended the ceremony in Regina honoring the past and present Nuns in Sask.
- Attended the Priest's conference in Saskatoon
- Information will be arriving soon regarding the next Annual Eparchial Appeal
- Please let the Priests or office know of any Parishioners hospitalized or are shut-ins
- Six volunteers in place to count and record Sunday offerings. Each had taken an oath of confidentiality.

10. **Committee Reports:**

a. **President's Report:**

- Welcome to a somewhat different format for the Parish Council meeting this month. We begin with a joint meeting at the Cultural Centre with the Board of Directors from there to explore the proposed relocation of the parish offices.
- At the end of this month our parish will host the 35th Eparchial Convention. We will welcome delegates of the UCWLC, UCBC and UCY from across the province. Bishop Peter Stasiuk CSsR from Australia will be present to speak about his work on the new catechism.
- It is exciting to hear that there will be new opportunities for adult religious studies and spiritual growth happening soon. The Parish Council will support Fr. Bohdan and Fr. Ray in any way possible to develop and sustain these initiatives.

- Thank you, Faye for going the extra mile and again, so beautifully and economically decorating the tables at the K of C Brunch to celebrate Fr. Bohdan's welcome to the parish.
- May all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving weekend as we celebrate the bounty God has given us, and may we also be generous in sharing with those who need our support through the parish Thanksgiving Food Drive October 10th and 11th.

b. **Finance Committee:** Fred Schrader reported

- No investments due at the present time, next one will be in November. Details at next meeting.

c. **Liturgical:** Gwen Bilyk reported

- Joanne Pidperyhora is still trying to get Greeters for the Sunday AM services
- Andy Mathuik schedules the Epistle readers and does an awesome job of recruitment

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

- On Sunday, October 4th, the Knights of Columbus hosted a brunch and welcomed Fr. Bohdan to St. Mary's Parish, we had 190 people. Many thanks to all that attended.

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

- Work performed by Logan Stevens Construction is complete on the exterior – some extra work was done pertaining to eave troughs on the dome. Some repairs and painting to be completed on the inside where water damage appeared.
- Two windows need protective screen installed on the north side (near Golden Agers entrance)
- Some lights need replacing in the barrel of the dome.

f. **Children & Youth:** vacant

g. **Education Committee:** report received from Lorne Brischuk

Most of the groups have started the new season. I contacted the Ukrainian Language class coordinator to let her know that the UCBC would be willing to give financial aid if requested. Both the marriage and baptism preps are being handled by the Fathers. Fr. Ray is our liaison for the Catholic Schools.

h. **Communications:** no report

i. **Stewardship:** no report

j. **Outreach:** Verlee Zulyniak reported

In the month of September, eleven bags of groceries were taken to St. Mary's School for their Lunch Program. A cheque for the amount of \$1000.00 was also sent to the school. We are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive on October 10th and 11th and hope the donations will help fill the empty pantry at St. Mary's School.

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** Peter Moroz reported

- First meeting after the summer break
- Welcomed Father Bohdan and presented him with a birthday card and cash.
- Made several donations: Cultural Centre, Catholic Health Association, St. Michael's Camp, Eparchial News and The Welcome Home in Winnipeg
- Held UCBC Recognition Weekend
- Sending 7 delegates to Eparchial convention
- Leading the Holy Rosary prior to the 9:00am Liturgy on Sundays during the month of October

- ii. **UCWLC:** report by Brenda Pasloski
 - Finalizing plans for Bake Sale to be held November 21.
 - Presentation given on the need for used ambulances in Ukraine and the fundraising required to purchase and send ambulances.
 - Will send 10 delegates to the Eparchial convention

- iii. **Knights of Columbus:** report by Bill Prybyski
 - Next Brunch will be held November 1st.

- iv. **UCY:** no report

- v. **Golden Agers:** report by Verna Moroz
 - Coffee was served to approximately 80 people after prayers for the late Stella Tratch
 - We celebrated Father Bohdan's birthday with the Golden Agers on Thursday, September 24th

- vi. **Cultural Centre:** no report

I. Adoption of Reports:

Motion: *That the Committee and Parish Organization reports be accepted as received.*
Moved: Faye Spelay; **Seconded:** Kathy Rusnak **Carried.**

11. On-going Business:

a. Motion to purchase printer

Motion: *To purchase a replacement printer for the Parish office at a cost of \$111.13.*
Moved: Brenda Pasloski; **Seconded:** Fred Schrader **Carried.**

b. Parish Goals – meeting with SSMI from UCREC in Saskatoon

- The Sisters are proposing a Mini Lay Formation, to be held once a month from January 2016 to June 2016. Meetings will be held Friday night and Saturday and will be open to Parishioners in the Yorkton Deanery
- Cost to be determined

c. Habitat for Humanity: report by Gwen Bilyk

- Work continues on the basement in preparation for pouring the walls
- ICF blocks have been completed with just a few finishing touches to do
- St. Mary's UCWLC has graciously donated 2 meals to the volunteers, one meal is still pending
- 2 groups in the Presbyterian Church are providing a meal once a month for as long as the build lasts
- Soup Haven that works out of the Alliance Church will do 2 meals a week during school year. St. Andrews Church and Prairie Harvest CLC are also on board
- Several Pastors have come forward to do the Spirituals at the start of the day. If Pastors unable to fit this into their day, Lay Ministers can do this. No more than 1 – 2 minutes at 08:45am on site.
- Volunteers to help with construction have been forthcoming. Laurie Blackbird described her experience on-site as "an awesome day". This experience will teach her about how a home is built and will instill a sense of pride in ownership.
- I continue recruitment of volunteers.

12. New Business

a. Adult Religious Studies:

- Will start October 25th. Will be held in the Golden Agers at 10:00am – 11:00am, between the Divine Liturgy. This is a video presentation that will be scheduled for every second Sunday. Coffee will be served.

b. Vacant Council Position

- The Children and Youth Chair position is vacant. Will pursue a committee chair for the next AGM meeting in March 2016.

13. Meeting Dates for November:

a. Executive: Tuesday, November 10, 2015

b. Parish Council: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

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

15. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Ray

Minutes recorded by: Diane Stadnyk