

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Room
Tuesday, October 18, 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
	Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha

Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski(<i>Absent</i>)	Shelley Kluk (<i>Absent</i>)	
Communications: Val Thiessen (<i>Absent</i>)	Julie Abrametz	Tom Abrametz
Education: Pat Thompson (<i>Absent</i>)	Janet Lawrance	Val Thiessen (<i>Absent</i>)
Finance: Fred Schrader		
Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn (<i>Absent</i>)	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 (<i>Absent</i>)	Dolores Harris	
Parish Activities: Faye Spelay (<i>Absent</i>)		
Stewardship: Vi Protz		

Parish Organizations:

Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson (<i>Absent</i>)	Golden Agers: Verna Moroz
K of C: Bill Prybylski	UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber
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: Fred Schrader; Seconded: Vi Protz Carried.
5. Minutes:
 - a. Errors or Omissions: Nil

b. Adoption of Minutes:

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

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha; **Seconded:** Tom Abrametz **Carried.**

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** nil

7. **Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Kathy Rusnak

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

Moved: Kathy Rusnak; **Seconded:** Doreen Rathgeber **Carried.**

8. **Correspondence:** nil

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

- Thank you to the ladies who are doing the Collection count each Monday. They attend Mass at 8:00 am and then proceed with the count
- Thank you for the sincere expressions of condolences and prayers received for his dear younger brother Alexander.
- Will be away on annual vacation for the first two weeks of November.
- The Holodomor Awareness Bus Tour is touring Sask. and Manitoba and was recently at Sacred Heart High School to educate students about the Ukrainian genocide in 1932 and 1933.

10. **Committee Reports:**

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

Welcome back everyone to the fall meetings. The fact that summer is over is now more evident with the recent snow. Unfortunately harvest is not yet done and that might be a deterrent for some Parish Council member's attendance at this October meeting. However, for most of us it is a matter of just making a commitment to participate and being present. Not having a quorum at the last meeting was a concern. Sometimes people stay away to "give a message". If that is the case and there is something which you have difficulty with (e.g. length of meeting, date of meeting, not feeling productive and valued there, or other concerns), please contact me so we can talk and find a solution.

Perhaps it would be useful to do an evaluation of the Council to get feedback about how it is functioning, how could it be better, what are the barriers to participation, etc. Before we can have a "vibrant parish" we need a vibrant Parish Council and for some reason I don't think we are there yet!! I will put that on the agenda for a preliminary discussion to see if there is interest and merit in doing it. I hope you have read through the Standing Motions as compiled by Kathy Rusnak and distributed to Council members at our last meeting. We will update and ratify them at the October meeting. Having them readily available and up to date is an excellent resource and time saver for everyone.

b. **Finance Committee:** Nothing to report

c. **Liturgical:** No report

d. **Parish Activities:** No report

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

- Between now and next spring, our riding lawn mower needs to be checked and serviced by a qualified firm or mechanic.
- I will talk to the grounds keeping contractor re servicing the snow removal equipment.
- Weather stripping on all exterior church doors will be checked and replaced if necessary.

Motion: *That we use the price quote from McMunn and Yates for new carpet for the choir loft.*

Moved: Peter Moroz;

Seconded: Fred Schrader.

Carried.

f. **Children & Youth:** No report

g. **Education:** Report submitted by Janet Lawrance and Pat Thompson

- The Education Committee will once again be hosting Sunday Morning Faith Presentations. The six part DVD series entitled "New Evangelization" was designed by Bishop Robert Baron as a follow-up to last year's program "Catholicism". "Catholicism" was about understanding our faith, and "New Evangelization" is about living out our faith. The presentation dates are: October 16 & 23, November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18, 10:15 to 11:00 am in the church basement.
- On Saturday, October 22, Fr. Gregory Hryniuk will provide a seminar to introduce us to the newly translated Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – CHRIST OUR PASCHA. More details can be found in the church bulletin.
- The Adult Faith Formation Program, hosted at St. Mary's Church, continues on the following weekends: October 14/15, November 18/19 and December 9/10
- Will be obtaining information from the schools with regard to events and dates for liturgies, concerts, etc. and this information will be included in our church bulletin.

h. **Communications:** No report from Committee. Geraldine commented that Chris Pidwerbesky is seeking parish updates and pictures from events such as Vidpust and the SSMI celebration to be published on the Eparchial website.

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

- I pray for all bishops and priests, especially our own Fathers Bohdan, Methodius and Ray, and for all Golden Agers, like Joyce Martynuik who is on the mend and Violet Hnatuk, for all parishioners, especially Lorne and Teresa Brischuk who work so diligently for the parish and their anniversary, and for all parish council members. God Bless you all. Remember I love you lots.

j. **Outreach:** Report submitted by Dolores Harris

- Food collected and is waiting to be picked up
- \$838.00 collected

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** Report submitted by Peter Moroz

- Our annual lottery draw was held October 9 at St. Athanasius Parish in Regina
7 winners from Yorkton, 11 winners from our Yorkton Sales
- Made a donation to the Holy Family Home in Winnipeg in memory of Alexander Lukie (Father Bohdan's brother).
- Miscellaneous business dealt with.

ii. **UCWLC:** Report submitted by Doreen Rathgeber

- We are looking forward to our Christmas Bake Sale Saturday, November 19 at St. Mary's Cultural Centre. We are back doing a full fledged Bake Sale with a combination of younger members and the experienced members. There will be some form of lunch served as well. Please spread the message that our sale as it has been in the past.
- The members who are on the Eparchial executive will attend the provincial meeting in Saskatoon November 29th. The focus will be the next provincial AGM.
- Won \$100.00 from the Museum lottery

- iii. **Knights of Columbus:** Report submitted by Bill Prybylski
- Coats for Kids – will be distributing coats when weather dictates
 - Keep Christ in Christmas – Poster Contest will be launched soon
 - Remembrance Day – Wreath has been ordered and will be presented at annual ceremony
 - Deceased Knights Remembrance – Details of ceremony to be finalized
 - Monthly Brunches – Next brunch November 6
 - Nativity Scene – Will be repaired and erected
 - Next meeting – November 7 followed by Wine and Cheese Social
 - Recognition of 55th Anniversary of our Council
 - Sold all 400 books of the Charity Appeal

iv. **UCY:** no report

v. **Golden Agers:** No report

vi. **Cultural Centre:** Submitted by Russ Thompson

Another successful year is quickly coming to a close for the Cultural Centre. Despite a quieter than normal summer, revenue is up 14%. Numerous events are scheduled for the remaining of the year, including the Health Foundation Gala, FSIN convention, Kinsmen Comedy Night, two weddings, four private Christmas parties, as well as our two hosted City-Wide Christmas parties. 2017 will also be busy with only 3 weekend dates available.

11. **Adoption of Reports:**

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

Moved: Vi Protz;

Seconded: Kathy Rusnak

Carried.

12. **On-going Business:**

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

b. **Purchase New Shroud:**

Motion: \$2,500.00 to purchase new Shroud

Moved: Gwen Bilyk;

Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber

Carried

c. **Outdoor Lights:** - Father Ray reported that the caretakers are looking at it and it will continue to be monitored. Will also check the light at the ramp.

d. **Parish Directory** - Defer till New Year

e. **Standing motions from 2000 onward –**

- Reviewed list of Standing Motions from August, 2000 to date.
- Motions that were NOT STANDING MOTIONS will be deleted.
- Motion of June 21, 2011 updated:

Motion: that the Parish Council annually covers the costs for clergy attending the Clergy retreat, and study days.

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded: Verna Moroz

Carried

- Other motions that need updating will be reviewed at a later date, and new list prepared

f. Electronic fund transfer option for regular collections

- Notice was put into our church bulletin to determine parishioners' interest in this –

Replies were: Yes – 16, No – 48.

Will review this again in the future

13. New Business

a. Catechism intro October 22, 2016 – Father Bohdan advised that there are 45 people signed up to date, hoping for 55 by the 22nd. Lunch options reviewed.

Motion: *Cover lunch costs up to total of \$400.00*

Moved: Gwen Bilyk;

Seconded: Dolores Harris

Carried

b. Parish Council internal evaluation and format for feedback.

- General consensus from Parish Council Members was that this is an excellent idea. Will review this again.

13. Meeting Dates for November, 2016

a. Executive: November 15, 2016

b. Parish Council: November 22, 2016

14. Motion of Adjournment: Geraldine Koban at 9:00 pm.

15. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Ray

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha