

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Br. John Kanski Boardroom  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

**Executive:**

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

**Committee Chairs & Parish Organizations:**

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

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Geraldine Koban at 7:40 pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Bohdan
3. **Adoption of Agenda:**
  - a. Additions:  
Under ongoing business: 12 (e) Habitat for Humanity – Faith Build
  - b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:  
**Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as presented/amended.***  
**Moved: Faye Spelay;           Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber           Carried.**
4. **Minutes:**
  - a. Errors or Omissions: None
  - b. Adoption of Minutes: June 16, 2015  
**Motion: *That the minutes be adopted as presented/amended.***  
**Moved: Diane Stadnyk;           Seconded: Vi Protz           Carried.**
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** None
6. **Treasurer's Report:**  
**Motion: *That the Treasurer's June-August 2015 report be accepted as presented.***  
**Moved: Kathy Rusnak;           Seconded: Gwen Bilyk           Carried.**

7. **Correspondence:**

- Card from St. Mary's School Nutrition Program: "Thank you for your continued support and generous donations of food and money to our school nutrition program"
- Picture card received from Kirsten MacDonald: "Thank you so much for the kind card. That was very nice of you."
- Letter received from SSMI Foundation thanking the parish for the generous donation of \$2,622.00 for the orphanages.

8. **Pastor's Report:**

- October 1 – the Sisters will be honored at a ceremony at the Saskatchewan Legislature.
- October 6 – Clergy conference in Saskatoon, Father Bohdan and Father Ray will attend.
- October 27 – November 15 – Father Bohdan will be away

9. **Committee Reports:**

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

- Welcome back with renewed energy after a summer of lots of sunshine and hopefully a time to relax with your families. Also welcome to Father Bohdan who has come to St. Mary's as our Pastor.
- We bid farewell to Pat McCoshen who has resigned to move with her family to Saskatoon. It is definitely their gain!!! Pat has served quietly and diligently in a spirit filled way as the Chair for the Children and Youth Committee during her time with us. The Parish council will send her a liturgy card and letter acknowledging our appreciation and wishing her well. It is hoped that a replacement for this position can be found quickly.
- I believe that with all of us working and praying together we will make our parish the most welcoming, inclusive and vibrant faith community possible.

b. **Finance Committee:** no report

c. **Liturgical:** no report

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

- June 25th and 26th – supplied coffee and doughnuts for the Vipust services
- June 28th – The Knights of Columbus hosted the Vipust Brunch, we also celebrated Father Kushko's 45th Anniversary of Priesthood.
- July 26th – The Parish hosted a farewell brunch for Father Peter, we also celebrated his 70th birthday at this event
- We had almost 200 people at both of these events. I would like to thank the parish Council members for all of your help

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

- Received a quote from Logan Stevens for necessary maintenance and repairs. Father Bohdan is dealing with it.
- Repaired three windows that were damaged by vandals.
- Repaired east steps.
- Had all the evergreen trees trimmed up around the church yard.
- Grab bars installed in confessionals
- Smoke detectors to be replaced.
- Emergency lighting batteries to be replaced.

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

g. **Education Committee:** Lorne Brischuk reported

- Ukrainian classes have started. So far, 8 people have registered, more are expected.

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

- A media release introducing and welcoming, Father Bohdan Lukie CSsR, was submitted to Yorkton This Week and was printed in the September 2, 2015 newspaper

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. Anyways, I say thank you for coming to Liturgy and praying with us.
- I would be willing to pray with shut-ins as well as be of assistance to our Pastors. God Bless You All.

j. **Outreach:** Verlee Zulyniak reported

- Food items that were close to or just expired were donated to the Yorkton Food Bank as they would be able to use it quickly over the summer.
- Funds will be disbursed to St. Mary's School Nutrition program and to Dreambuilders

k. **Parish Organizations:**

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

- Presented farewell gift to Father Peter
- Continued our service to our church and parish
- Paid tribute to two Brothers – Walter Lukey and Stan Kyba who went to be with the Lord. We formed an Honour Guard.
- Our next meeting is September 21 at 7:00pm
- Lottery tickets are going well.

ii. **UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber reported**

- Meeting held on September 7
- Welcomed Father Bohdan as our Spiritual leader
- Will pay expenses for a carload of members to attend the Women of Hope conference in Humboldt on October 3
- Next meeting will be October 5

**Knights of Columbus:** Dave Spelay reported

- Dates to remember:  
Sunday, September 27: First Degree 2:00pm  
Sunday, October 4: Brunch 10:15am & 12:15pm  
Sunday, November 1: Brunch 10:15am & 12:15pm

**UCY:** no report

**Golden Agers:** report submitted by Verna Moroz

- Regular Thursday Bingo's
- Monthly birthday and anniversary gatherings continued throughout July and August.
- Served coffee after prayers for the late Walter Lukey.

**Cultural Centre:** no report

I. **Adoption of Reports:**

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

**Moved:** Brenda Pasloski;                      **Seconded:** Verna Moroz      **Carried**

10. **On-going Business:**

a. **Motion to approve roof repair and painting**

**Motion:** *To proceed with the roof repairs and painting as per the quote received from Logan Stevens in the amount of \$38,155.00 from the Building Fund Account.*

**Moved:** Peter Moroz;            **Seconded:** Lorne Brischuk            **Carried.**

b. **Parish Goals – Eparchial Ministry support**

- September 29 – the Sisters will be here to meet with the Clergy and Parish Council to discuss plans to achieve our Parish goals.

c. **Pigeon Issues**

- City is taking steps to deal with the ongoing pigeon problems

d. **Eparchial Final Appeal:** report submitted by Doreen Rathgeber

The Eparchial Appeal was closed on August 31, 2015. As you read in the August 30th bulletin, St. Mary's parishioners contributed \$22,500.00. The goal for St. Mary's was \$26, 675.00. The shortfall is \$4,175.00. Considering our late start and reluctance to move forward on this important appeal, we have done reasonably well. A weekly average of 170 offertory envelopes are received each week. There were 120 families who contributed to the Eparchial Appeal. If the 50 families who usually contribute to the Sunday offertory gave less than \$100.00 each, the goal would have been reached. By year end 450 families, one way or another, contribute to the parish. Our parish roster has a membership of 800 people. This information gives a snapshot of the financial support the parish receives from our parishioners.

e. **Habitat for Humanity - Faith Build:** report submitted by Gwen Bilyk

September 4th was a celebration for our Faith Group as we took part in the sod turning event along with Yorkton Habitat to mark the beginning of the building of our duplex. On August 27th we presented Tom Seeley with a cheque for \$35,558.83 that Prairie Harvest Christian Life Centre was holding in trust for the Faith Build. This cheque along with \$13,000.00 that was on account with Regina Habitat brings our fundraising to approx \$46,558.00. Donations came from various churches involved in the Faith Build who participated in fund raising on this as well from our musical production in April 2014. Our UCWLC made a significant donation, as well as some private donations from members in the Parish who wish to remain anonymous.

11. **New Business**

a. **Replace paper folding equipment** (see quote for prices)

**Motion:** *To purchase a paper folder, Martin Yale Rapidfold PRE P7400, from HBI Office Plus, at a cost of \$838.60.*

**Moved:** Brenda Pasloski;            **Seconded:** Doreen Rathgeber            **Carried.**

b. **Update for Church Watch**

**Motion:** *To update the accounting program, Church Watch, at a cost of \$329.17.*

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

**c. Approval for clergy discretionary spending**

**Motion: Standing Motion: to set the limit for clergy discretionary spending at \$2000.00.**

**Moved: Vi Protz;**

**Seconded: Gwen Bilyk**

**Carried.**

**d. Adult Religious Studies**

Suggestion made by Father Bohdan to start Adult Religious Studies. This would be a DVD program featuring Father Robert Barron. The program would run Sunday mornings in the time between the 9:00 am and 11:00 am liturgies. To be shown in the Golden Agers room.

**e. Father Bohdan's welcome (program at next brunch)**

The Parish will officially welcome Father Bohdan Lukie at the next Knight's Brunch at 12:15 pm on October 4.

**12. Meeting Dates for October:**

a. Executive: postponed

b. Parish Council: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

**13. Motion of Adjournment:** Geraldine Koban at 9:00 pm.

**14. Closing Prayer:** Led by Father

*Minutes recorded by: Diane Stadnyk*