

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Centre Church Basement
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

Executive:

Pastor: Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSSR	President: Gwen Bilyk
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSSR (<i>Absent</i>)	Vice-president:
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSSR	Past President : Geraldine Koban
	Treasurer: Kathy Rusnak /Leona Matisho (<i>Absent</i>)
	Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha

Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski (<i>Absent</i>)	Shelley Kluk (<i>Absent</i>)
Communications: Julie Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>)	Tom Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>) Mary Prybylski
Education: Pat Thompson	Janet Lawrance
Finance: Fred Schrader	
Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn (<i>Absent</i>)	Ron Wizniak (<i>Absent</i>) Laurie Fedorowich (<i>Absent</i>)
Maintenance: Peter Moroz	Bob Paskaruk
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak	
Parish Activities: Dolores Harris (<i>Absent</i>)	
Stewardship: Vi Protz	

Parish Organizations:

Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson (<i>Absent</i>)	Golden Agers: Verna Moroz
K of C: Dave Spelay (<i>Absent</i>)	UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber
UCBC: Larry German (<i>Absent</i>)	

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Gwen Bilyk at 7:40 pm.

2. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Father Bohdan

3. **Welcome:**

4. **Adoption of Agenda:**

a. Additions/Amendments:

b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

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

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded: Doreen Rathgeber

Carried.

5. **Minutes:**

a. Errors or Omissions:

b. Adoption of Minutes:

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

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha;

Seconded: Kathy Rusnak

Carried.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** nil
7. **Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Kathy Rusnak

Motion: *That the Treasurer's report for June through August, 2017 be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak;

Seconded: Fred Schrader

Carried.

8. **Correspondence:**
 - Thank you card from Father Bohdan and Father Len, for the Anniversary gifts.
 - Letter from Father Kushko thanking Parish Council for the card and gift for his 85th birthday.
 - Letters from Sacred Heart High School thanking St. Mary's for the sponsorship of awards to the Graduating Class
 - Thank you cards from recipients of the scholarships, Tessa Chornomud and Nathan Cochrane.
9. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **President's Report:** Written Report submitted by Gwen Bilyk
Where did our Summer go!
Welcome back everyone, hope your summer was relaxing and you got to do some of the things you hoped to do. It was a beautiful summer with lots of sunshine and warm weather. Perhaps a little less rain than needed but all in all a great summer. Now it is time to get back to work with renewed spirits and an abundance of energy to direct to our Parish projects.
With regrets, we received Michael Solonenko's resignation from his position as Vice-President of Parish Council. Mike felt he was too busy with work, family and farming and was unable to fulfill his commitment to PC. We respect Mike's decision, thank him for the time he spent with us and wish him well. Father Bohdan has been busy trying to find someone willing to fulfill this role. Let us all pray for a successful candidate.
September 1st marked the beginning of a new Liturgical year.
The bulletin has already notified us of the commencement of many programs, one we look forward to is our FIRST SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION.
Our Parish Organizations are also getting back in stride for the fall/winter season. What would our Parish be without all these dedicated volunteers working together to make our Parish a VIBRANT COMMUNITY.
May God be with us as we move forward in the coming months, giving us strength, courage and wisdom to do our best each and every day.
WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!
Gwen Bilyk
President, Parish Council
 - b. **Finance Committee:** No report
 - c. **Liturgical:** No report
 - d. **Parish Activities:** No report
 - e. **Maintenance:** Submitted by Peter Moroz:
 - Carpet was cleaned
 - Stud wall at south side was repaired
 - Millenium plaque replaced on the south cross
 - f. **Children & Youth:** No report
 - g. **Education:** Report submitted by Pat Thompson, Janet Lawrance
 - Another Sunday DVD series starting in October
 - 17 participants started Ukrainian classes on September 11

h. **Communications:**No report

i. **Stewardship:** Submitted by Vi Protz

- Continue to pray for our priests

j. **Outreach:** submitted by Verlee Zulyniak

- Donated \$750.00 each to Dreambuilders and to St. Mary's school for school noon lunches.

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** Written Report submitted by Larry German

- Many of our members attended our annual Vidpust mission commencing three days prior to Vidpust and then on Sunday for the pilgrimage.
- On the Saturday prior to Vidpust we honoured and celebrated with our pastor, Father Bohdan Lukie and previous pastor Father Len Ratushniak for their 50th Anniversary of priesthood.
- Greetings and presentations were made on behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood.
- Ticket sales have been ongoing through our members and also a couple of local businesses.
- Our first meeting after the summer break will be on September 18th.

Respectfully,

Larry German, President.

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

- The Annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. The days for preparing the Kolach, cabbage rolls and perogies have been set. Dainties and squares will be donated by the members of UCWLC. The dates for preparation will be listed in the bulletin.
- The 36th Eparchial Convention will be held in Saskatoon October 28 and 29 at St. George's Cathedral. Four members from the executive and the HLM will be sponsored by our local branch. The executive members who are attending are: President Doreen Rathgeber, 1st Vice President Elsie Stechyshyn, 2nd Vice President Rose Maleschuk and HLM Sonja Pawliw.
- The annual raffle ticket draw will be held Monday, December 4th at our Christmas gathering.
- The AGM will be held February 5, 2018.

Doreen Rathgeber

Yorkton Branch UCWLC

iii. **Knights of Columbus:**Written Report submitted by Dave Spelay

- August 24, 2017 Intercouncil Golf Tournament. Every summer the rivalry is renewed with council 2031 St. Gerards. Council 5182 edged out 2031 to retain the title. A delicious supper was served by St. Gerards Council. Prizes were handed out. Fifteen Brother Knights participated.
- Charity appeal tickets have been selling at various business places in the city.
- First General meeting and Installation of Executive September 11, 2017

iv. **UCY:** no report

v. **Golden Agers:** Report submitted by Verna Moroz

- Continued with bingos and birthday celebrations throughout the summer

vi. **Cultural Centre:** No report

10. **Adoption of Reports:**

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

Moved: Vi Protz;

Seconded: Verna Moroz

Carried.

11. **Old / On-going Business:**

a. **Constitution committee** - No meeting up to this date.

b **Update on pictorial directory**

- Father Bohdan questioned the need for a new directory at this time.
- Deferred to next meeting.

12. **New Business**

a. **Recruitment for Vice President:** After the harvest season

b. **Stewardship Forum, November 18, 2017** - Geraldine Koban, Pat Thompson

Eparchial Pastoral Council Report

Geraldine Koban and Pat Thompson attended the Eparchial Pastoral Council Meeting on August 26 in Saskatoon. The focus of the meeting was to receive updates and continue plans for the upcoming Eparchial Stewardship Forum on November 18, 2017 in Saskatoon. The goals of the Forum will be to identify issues, educate parish councils on the role of stewardship in the Eparchy, and to initiate action of stewardship. Here, we will discuss the responsibility of stewardship through sanctification, catechesis, and administration. Registration packages have been sent to pastors in the Eparchy and Bishop Bryan is asking that each parish send two representatives from their parish council, in addition to their pastor, to the forum. Representation from church properties that no longer have parish councils is strongly encouraged.

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

- Visited all 11 parishes over the summer, with discussion on some church closures
- Catechisms classes will commence again, Diane Stadnyk teaching and Lana Klemetski assisting
- Adult Lay Formation will start again next week, a great program.
- Adult DVD Bible Classes will commence after Thanksgiving, Sunday mornings, 10 sessions
- Focus again on Direct Deposit, information will be provided in our Bulletin
- Will be attending important meeting at St. Michael's Camp on October 1
- Clergy Conference in Yorkton October 10, 11 & 12 staying at the Monastery

14. **Meeting Dates for October 2017**

a. Executive: October 10, 2017

b. Parish Council: October 17, 2017

15. **Motion of Adjournment:** Gwen Bilyk at 8:30 pm.

16. **Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Kushko

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha