Minutes 5/3

Evangelization prayer

1. Review and approval of minutes – one correction was made

Approval-Father Resila, Deacon Willis

All in favor

1. Pastor’s report – Easter and Holy week – good numbers on Easter Sunday. Father thanked everyone involved.

Last weekend was first communion. Thank you to Mary Eaton. Church was completely full.

1. Housekeeping – Patty DeVito – new member, Louise Hardy – here representing the Columbiettes

David brought bi-laws to meeting.

Meet monthly from September through June. 6:30-8:30. Term of office is 3 years. Selections should be staggered. September 1 will be start of new members. Have to take a year off before starting another term. End of April/beginning of May is when candidates’ names are turned in. Discernment process follows. 2 members are supposed to handle the process (president is not supposed to handle discernment). Council should represent makeup of parish. June reelect new officers. David will be on the council for 7 years instead of six. This June is the end of Chris Carroll’s, Andrienne Villano’s and Sara Detmer’s end of service.

1. Committee reports –

Finance council – Connie reported – meets quarterly and the last meeting was Feb 16 2022 – six months (fiscal year – July 1 021 – 12/31 2021 – collection below 21000 approx.; other income also below. Expenses will exceed revenues. Sharing in weekly bulletin collection to budget so that people are not surprised at end of year. Need to adjust expenses to better match income. 3 meetings so far, one more meeting and then will bring discussions to Finance Council.

This situation is not unique to OLV-OLS. There is a grant for 10,000 to buy computer equipment for office. Current computers obsolete by 2023. The plan to buy a few every year.

Father Morrette explains that committee completes the budget and diocese has to approve. Committee is very on top of everything. They do ongoing monitoring and Father appreciates the committee and all their work.

Deacon Brian noted that fuel oil going up to $6 a gallon.

Building and Grounds –Chuck reported – last meeting was April 12 – well attended – 2 people joined (Tom Hardy and Roselyn Weber) – 6:30-8:00 productive meeting. Discussed church lot signs for parking/things that are fading/ Jim is working on a list for that; storm drainage problems in back (question of it being a church issue or city of Troy issue). Large tree removed last week – minimize leaves getting on roof and clogging the drains. Ceramic tiles replaced in church. Lock box for fire department outside. Parish center had a roof leak – it is being looked at to see if needs to be repaired or replaced. Gutters to put on parish center. Parish center has lightening protection system that has fallen in disrepair and so looking to fix that. Rectory problem with downsized sewer drain – getting quotes. Parking lot lighting on poles – poles are leaning – need to upgrade. Rear entry sidewalk gets icy in winter. Turning it into steps. Warren asked about the heated steps – only one part is heated.

OLS has heating pipes above kitchen in ceiling are not insulated causing ice dam on roof. Therefore, that will be taken care of. Inspection of smoke detectors at OLS. At end of meeting went to front walk where concrete is chipping. There will be a meeting with the contractor about this. Have to fit projects in the proper part of the budget and make sure we can cover expenses. The question is will it be a Reigniting faith project or out of budget? Lot of data collecting right now, prioritizing safety issues. Transition team from the diocese created a list and the building and grounds is using that as a guide.

Bereavement /Lazarus/ Health ministry – Anne Marie reported - visitation, Alzheimer’s, bereavement support, anointing mass and blue Christmas. Lazarus is liturgical.

All other teams fall under health ministry. Visitation prayer service before Palm Sunday was cancelled.

Struggling with members because of COVID. Anne Prezio had 2 meetings a year. Monthly visits to homebound. Another group to nursing home (Van Rensselear manor and Heritage House). Send something Christmas and Easter. Pre-COIVD, all ministers were Eucharistic ministers and would bring communion once a month to homebound. Anne established relationship with nursing homes. There are not as many ministers. COVID restrictions are very strict at nursing homes.

Deacon Willis discussed the visits and the gift bags. It is a wonderful ministry. Communion service first Friday at Pines. Deacons Willis and Brian alternate every other month.

Jim reached out to Heritage House regarding visitation. Father Resila celebrated mass there around Christmas time but then there was a spike in COVID.

Anne Marie added that everyone had background checks, was instructed on being a Eucharistic minister and on how to visit. There is a need for increased membership and a need to get ministers up to speed. Ministry did fairs in the past to promote ministry.

Deacon Willis added that there are 9 active members.

Alzheimer’s care team work in collaboration with the Eddy. Sandy Monahan is program coordinator at the Eddy. Anne Marie spoke with her in February

Bereavement support group. Monthly groups for 10 months for any recently bereaved parishioners (within last year). The group gets information from the funeral homes and sent out information inviting those bereaving.

Anointing mass under health ministry – coordinated with the pastor.

Blue Christmas in December collaborated with Columbiettes, youth ministry, music, liturgical. Brings many different ministries together.

David asked what support is needed. Biggest need is membership, another parish nurse, and funds.

Mary pointed out that we used to have to submit a budget when starting a ministry. Father Morrette recommended putting a budget together and to draft a flyer for the bulletin for member needs.

Blood drive last weekend – 20 points (goal 22) first blood drive since pandemic.

Vocations – need volunteer – world day of prayer for vocations this Sunday

Franklin, a seminarian, will be at OLV-OLS.

Evangelization – need someone to report to committee

Social justice – Julie has been reaching out to get information

Spiritual life and adult formation – open

Fellowship – open

Respect life – Steven and Chris Golden

Ecumenical – open

Faith formation youth ministry – Mary reported – started in October – k-6 catechists and gate keepers and youth ministry is 7-10 and confirmation – two year process. May 22 is confirmation at cathedral at 2 o’clock. In person now. Gospel weekly – folders that talk about readings based on church year- focused on mass. Facilitating lessons were easy. Met 2x a month Sunday morning and night. Recommitment of catechists. No more Sunday nights. DVDs work fine but livestreaming does not always work. The 11:15 is a very family friendly mass. Lower grades have many students. An idea is to have the confirmation students come back and work with the younger students.

Knights of Columbus – Ray reported – spaghetti dinner Saturday 5-7 - Need assistance serving. Columbiettes help.

Golf tournament – looking for sponsors (businesses). At Frear park. August 19 + breakfast/lunch/dinner need spotters

Columbiettes – Louise reported – meet 3rd Tuesday of every month- April 19 was the last meeting and the next is May 17.

April- Easter egg hunt for Sunnyside. May- baby collection, June 4- garage sale, flea market, bake sale June - scholarship OLV/OLS; the deadline is June 20. October 1- vendor and craft fair

100th anniversary celebration – Jack reported – last meeting: Tuesday April 26 – Patty joined the committee. It will take place Sunday October 9 2022 1 pm mass, Fr. Morrette and Fr Resila, Fr Lagatto, Fr Patterson and Fr Mackey will preside. Kelly Rose will cantor

4pm cocktails at franklin terrace followed by dinner

Collections of memories from parishioners.

Annemarie suggest social media post with an invitation

5.Closing prayers