

St Ann's Parish Council / Bethany Beach

MINUTES (FINAL VERSION)

Submitted by Cathy Rossi, Secretary

September 23, 2024

Call to order 4:00 PM by Pilar Alvarez

In attendance: Father Klevence, Father Joseph Dovari, Pilar Alvarez, Betty Wisgirda, Lorraine Jordin, Dominic Paccapaniccia, Vince Catania, Tina Gordon, Maria Colello, Cathy Rossi, Georgia Bresch

Mario Robles was absent and shared his report/update, now included with the Minutes.

Opening/Gospel Reflection - Pilar led the Opening and Lorraine led the Gospel Reading.
Reflections offered by those in attendance.

Minutes - Council Minutes from June 10, 2024, previously distributed and amended via email, approved.

Committee Reports:

Religious Education - Tina reported that registrations still being taken. 100 students this year. Collaboration taking place with St. Luke's. Need for Religious Ed for an Autistic/Special Needs student(s) who cannot be handled in regular classroom. Discussion and suggestion made that this, perhaps, could be solved at the Deanery level among several parishes with similar needs. Cathy will take suggestion to a Deanery Committee looking at solutions for new needs/welcoming families. Religious Ed will still hold classes in Masterson Center during October closure of St. Ann's Church for renovations. RCIA has six people registered so far. (see updated information in addendum at the end of Minutes)

Liturgy – Betty reported that 60th Anniversary Celebration for Sister Loretta went well; attendance strong October 5 is the Crop Hunger Walk/St. Vincent de Paul Ministries with 25% of proceeds going to supporting our six local churches with Food Pantries, including at St. Ann's/OLG. On October 26, 9am-2:30p, a Liturgy Workshop, open to all, a special speaker/presentation by Dr. James Starke on “The History of the Mass.”

Building and Grounds – Mario Robles was absent and shared his report/update is included with the Minutes.

Hospitality - Hospitality Committee is working on a St. Ann's Apparel Website. Instead of the Parish handling sales, the Committee is asking the vendor, Red Sun, to handle through its website. All moving along and apparel will be available soon- to be promoted through the Bulletin, Parish Website and outreach to other Parish Committees. Cathy solicited feedback from Parish Council members for the Hospitality Committee on the Parish Picnic/Sept 22. Suggestions expressed for future: hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, mac-and-cheese.

Hispanic Community – Maria reported 10 registrations for Sunday, however, last-minute registrations are typical. Parishioners are being encouraged to register and attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on October 5. Thanks to Knights of Columbus for Bible Camp support and the chance for 11 adults and 17 children to see the play, *The Book of Daniel*, in Lancaster, PA. The Knights are covering expenses for the children.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) – Lorraine reported that Pickleball, Pampered Chef, Dine & Donate all successful fundraising events. More Dine & Donate at restaurants coming. SVdP donations of Backpacks/School Supplies Drive helped 200 children at local elementary schools. Food Pantry is helping a regular average of 230 Neighbors regularly with food/groceries. SVdP needs volunteers; Carol (President) will be speaking at Masses to seek more volunteers. Suggestion made for Religious Ed to connect Youth Ministry to volunteer help SVdP. Next Dine-and-Donate for SVdP will be November 4 at Ocean View Brewery.

Social Concerns – no report - responsibility for gathering this report was left unassigned after departure of Marty from Parish Council in June. Pilar proposed Dominic as the Liaison for Social Concerns. He offered to create a list of Committees that would be included in this report and their contact people.

Pastor 's Report / Father Klevence - Father met with Bishop/Deanery/consultants who are in the process of looking at possible consolidation of parishes in Diocese. We are in a growth area. Meanwhile, a Deanery Study/Diocesan Study is underway with particular areas of emphasis, including Hispanic Community, Deanery Identity, Spirituality & Formation - St. Ann's has representation on all Committees - the net will be an Action Plan for the Diocese.

At St. Ann's, Father stated that renovations to construct the Adoration Chapel in Masterson Center should get underway in October, pending Fire Marshall approval. Moonlight Architectural is selected for the project. Cost approximately \$75K with 50% of donations secured. Meanwhile, plans moving forward for the new Parish Center @ OLG, with SVdP to apply for grants. Letter to be written to the Bishop. The Diocese will extend technical support and administrative support in a number of ways, including fundraising.

Georgia Bresch, Business Manager distributed Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting with Financial Summaries, showing Parish is in strong financial standing. She provided an overview of the numbers, which show that investments are strong, and parishioners have been generous with donations in all categories of giving. Income is up over budgeted projections; assets are higher than last year and two months into FY2025, the Parish has a net surplus. A summary will be published to the Parish at large in October.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 PM.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024 @4pm @ the Parish Office

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REPORT FROM MARIO ROBLES 09-23-24

Hello friends. I'm sorry for the short notice. I was hoping to feel better by this afternoon but I'm still feeling very sick. Here is an update to the grounds.

Currently at St. Ann's:

The Rectory:

1. There have been 3 large trees and stumps removed from in front of the rectory garage 8/15/24 due to large limbs breaking and there being a safety hazard.

St. Anns Garage:

1. We have ordered solar fans that will be installed in the roof of the garage to help with the heat and air flow in the garage addition due to high heat during the summer months.

Masterson Center:

1. A water filtration bottle filler has been installed as of 9/1/2024 and will be available for service 9/10/24 completion.
2. The adoration chapel has accepted bid proposals from contractors. A decision for starting construction will be made today 9/9/2024 by Father Klevence as to which contractor will be used and contraction will start sometime immediately after selection with a completion date estimated for 9/30/2024.
3. Immediately following the completion of the Adoration Chapel, construction will begin 9/30/24 in the Masterson Center and (St. Ann's Church) regarding the removal of old carpeting and replacing it with new carpet. During this process the hallways of the Masterson Center will be repaired of all holes and repainted as well as the ceilings and skylights in the center of the building. The is an estimated completion date of 10/30/24.
4. During the Bazar the West end air conditioning unit stopped working at the Masterson Center and we are now awaiting an estimate for replacing that unit and the air handler unit among other units that have aged past the repair dates and also need to be replaced in the immediate future.

Parish office:

1. In the near future we will be speaking to roofers regarding replacing the roof of the Parish office building.

Delaney Hall:

1. Currently in the process of accepting construction bids from contractors for the new and updated kitchen. Bill Evans is heading this up and we are also looking into estimates for the replacement of all kitchen equipment. The estimated timeline to start this construction is now March/April 2025
2. In the near future, we will be speaking to roofers for replacing the roof of Delaney Hall. TBD

St. Anns Church:

1. The updating of the church will begin 9/30/24. The carpeting will be replaced throughout the church as well as new LVT flooring installed in the vestibule and sacristan room. The Church will also be completely painted. This update has an estimated completion date of 10/30/24. During this update OLG will be utilized for daily mass.

OLG:

1. Monofilament lines will be added to the pond directly in front of the OLG location to help redirect the Geese and to alleviate the mess that is created by the geese. Completion date per EnviroTech is to be done by the end of this week 9/13/24.
2. The completion of the pavement and additional right hand exit out of the OLG parking lot is in talks and will hopefully be completed asap. TBD
3. The OLG sign that is at the street side has been repainted and now updated.
4. We are in talks with Miken Builders regarding the construction of the new Building and have been given final renderings.

5. There is still a leak in their front foyer of the OLG location and we will need to reassess the damage and speak to the roofer as there is still damage being caused and we NEED to pinpoint where there issue is coming from. TBD

ADDENDUM added on 10/11/24:

Since Council will not meet again until November, I am including the updated report from Tina below.

October Religious Education and Youth Ministry Report

We currently have over 135 children enrolled, many of whom are from our Hispanic community. This is due to Maria's efforts at OLG.

We are brainstorming ideas about how to get our families to register in a timely manner.

Youth Ministry raised over \$350 for the Crop Walk. I was impressed by how many of our children attended. We are hoping to have more next year!

I will be joining the YM group when they attend The Book of Daniel. We are very grateful to the Knights for their gift to YM.

The Masterson Center looks amazing so far. We are looking forward to the project's completion.

Last, but not least, many from religious ed attended the Eucharistic Congress as did many of this council. What a beautiful day!