

## **Our Lady of the Visitation**

### **Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday March 8, 2023 / 7:30-8:30PM / Social Hall

In attendance: Father Ben, Mary, Laurie, Joseph Z, Rich, Joe C, Andrea, Tammy, Lyn, Rebecca

Opening Prayer-Father Ben

No Minutes to Approve – Need to Approve Nov 2022 and March 2023 at April Meeting

#### **Father Be leads discussion –**

1. Vision / Goal for the OLV Parish – keeping focus n the better of the church.
2. Plans to add a 5 min talk to open council meetings

#### **Quick Review of church programs**

1. Youth Group and RCIA – needs to be delegated properly, 6-8 youths and 1-2 RCIA attend
2. Alter servers – more to train – also need to delegate task and process
3. Home bound and Visitation Ministries – successful ministries with community support
4. Catechism in a Year – Father Ben leading program
5. Parish Projects – sound system, front door, ramp, insurance projects – all successful/ complete
6. New positions added to the parish have been beneficial – music director, maintenance person
7. Small groups in Parish – potluck lunches, coffee hour – need to develop committees for continued support / how can this grow? Coffee hour 1 time a month to extend after 11AM Mass
8. Adoration Fridays – positive feedback, successful addition to bring the parish together
9. Directory Handout – 150 families in the directory with photos, still some available – may purchase for \$10 if you did not have photo taken.
10. Church Logo – need to revisit the art work and design
11. Prayer Chain for Parishioners, add 1-2 church members to be a point of contact for the parish
  - Adopt an elder was suggested – to visit or invite to your home, comforting the elderly

#### **Program development –**

1. Bulletin Advertising all events, in a more specific location – easy to find for visitors and parishioners
2. Focus on the programs we current offer, and grow the attendance and awareness – wait to add more programs at this time, focus on what we are already doing.
3. Bulletin Board in the back of the church, use for advertising church events, things to do in the parish community – help to create more of a family parish community

#### **Handout – Eucharistic Revival**

1. 3 year plan – United States to Renew our belief in the Eucharist
2. Develop a plan for OLV Parish – to have a parish revival

#### **75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of OLV Parish –**

1. February 17, 2025
  - a. Start planning for the Celebration of the Parish
  - b. Vision, Mission and Logo to be complete prior to celebration

**Goals for Parish –**

1. Long term goals ? TBD
2. Short term goals ? TBD

**Choir Loft, Stage area –**

1. Father Ben is working with contractor for estimates – all numbers are very rough at this time
2. More to follow in April -

**Finances –**

1. Collections continue to increase
2. \$15,000 heating system updated and working well

Next Meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup> / 7:30 – 8:30PM / Social Hall

Prayers to be led by Rich

Closing prayer – Father Ben

Minutes – Rebecca G