

Parish Council Minutes
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
December 16, 2021

Present: Father Perez, Eleanor Ames, Frank Pandolfo, Keith Robinson, Irene Sommers

Father led us in opening prayer. The September minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

- Church upgrades; high priority on confessional as per diocese. Father Weston needs to visit in person and his schedule has been full but hopefully will have some time after the holidays. Irene will call the company to check the status of all the new doors ordered for the church. There was a delay due to wood shortages. Hopefully they will be here shortly as it has been 6 months.
- Roofs for the Church and Rectory have been completed – and the majority – 66% was paid by insurance. The insurance check was deposited into the DIAL restricted building fund account.

New Business

- Frank Pandolfo, Finance Council Chairperson gave an overall financial report. We are fortunate to be in excellent shape financially with our overall DIAL account balance at approximately \$1.2 million.
- October parish count showed an average attendance of 169 each week. It was down slightly from previous count. Count in the Shenandoah Valley was down by 32% and in the Diocese of Arlington by 22%.
- Parish Christmas lunch as well as the parish picnic was a success and a good time was had by all.
- Christmas preparation for the Church building was done by the OLV Ladies Guild. A new crèche has been donated by Eleanor Ames
- Close of the Spiritual Adoption Program will end on January 9. There will be a collection of baby items which will conclude then. There will be a crib in the church vestibule where parishioners can donate items. They will be donated to the Luray Life Center. Eleanor will create a flyer to be placed in the January 2 bulletin.
- It was noted that because of installation of the new alarm system, we will be given a break on our insurance in the coming year.
- Father indicated he is looking for a better quality gate for the entrance into the basement as the current one is not safe.
- The outdoor faucet spigot has broken and TJ Rickard of Campbell Plumbing will be replacing it.
- Father noted that the diocese is planning a series of listening sessions January – April to provide input into the Synod.
- The 2022 meeting dates are: March 17, June 16, September 22, December 15.

There being no further business, Father led us in a closing prayer.

Eleanor Ames, Secretary