

Parish Council Minutes - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
June 27, 2024 – 7 PM

Present: Father Perez, Keith Robinson, David Wittich, Eleanor Ames, Irene Sommers, Sandra Modersohn, Sharon Booker, Rose Ann Smythe. Father led us in an opening prayer. The March minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Finance Report

Account Balances as of May 9

- Checking Balance: \$21,223.82
- DIAL Operating: \$1,033,209.10
- DIAL Unrestricted Maintenance Fund: \$90,226.02
- DIAL Extra Ordinary Dividend: \$159,607.71

These dedicated amounts currently in the checking.

- Filipino Shrine: \$22,812.22
- Ladies Guild: \$3,781.86
- A donation of an additional \$5,000 has been made to the Building Fund.

Project Updates – Father Perez

- Parish BLA exceeded our goal by 127%. Approximately \$18,000 donated from 45% of parishioners
- John Carlson has completed the demolition of the basement rooms. He has done this pro bono. He still needs to complete the mold remediation and mildew treatment. We currently have 3 contractors who will bid on the final phase of the basement renovation. Want to get this started by mid-July.
- Confessional plans still need final approval from the diocese. It will be built in the current library area. Entrance will be from the church as it is now. Must be ADA compliant and lights will be installed to signal when confessional is occupied. The side entrance door will be closed in to accommodate the confessional. Confessional renovation is still being reviewed by diocese Construction Office.
- Sanctuary Repair/Renovation – On hold until confessional and basement renovation has been completed.
- Some members expressed concern about ease of access and lack of an ADA bathroom. Feel we should strongly consider a front addition to the church for a new bathroom and put the new confessional in the new addition. Nothing was decided. On going discussion is needed.

New Business

Irene attended the Annual Diocesan Finance Meeting. We are pretty much in compliance. She mentioned a few changes that have been instituted.

1. All groups must now use sign in sheets for attendance at meetings (especially youth groups).
2. Itemized receipts for meals/expenses must be submitted along with attendance roster.
3. A written policy in place that weddings etc. do not have to use our music coordinator but the pastor must give approval for any alternative musicians being used. Director cannot take payment directly. It must go through church account as salary.

Charles Lloyd conducted the Diocese Risk Management Audit. We scored 92/100. We need to have hazardous cleaning materials clearly labeled as such. Fence needs to go around the AC Unit. Assure there are locks on attic and crawl spaces.

Discussion on creating a new church directory for the 70th Anniversary. Sandra will coordinate taking photos during social hours or parishioners can submit their own photos. She will work with Irene on directory listing of all parishioners. Eleanor will provide a photo / information release form to be completed by each family.

Future Meeting Dates: September 12, December 12

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Father led us in a closing prayer.
Eleanor Ames, Secretary