

Parish Council Minutes - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
September 12, 2024 – 7 PM

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

Finance Report

Account Balances as of August 8

- Checking Balance: \$36,981.35
- DIAL Operating: \$1,067,563.72
- DIAL Building Fund: \$90, 527.02
- DIAL Extra Ordinary Dividend: \$ 160,140.18

These dedicated amounts currently in the checking.

Filipino Shrine: \$24,212.22

Ladies Guild: \$3,421.02

Old Business

- Risk Management Audit was conducted and our parish attained a 92/100. We just need to establish of book of chemicals used in and around the property and catalog of the precious vessels.
- Completion of the new front entrance church doors. No problems encountered with them.

Project Updates – Father Perez - Fr. Perez’s meetings with construction office

- Basement (Mildew Remediation and Renovation) – Still to be completed by John Carlson. He will remove the wooden studs from the block wall and treat mildew before construction begins. Betty Atkins’s brother has also looked at the rooms and will be sending in his quote to complete the remodel of the rooms. He feels he can complete it in a weeks’ time. Drains in the floor were discovered when carpet was removed so floors will be finished in laminate to allow them to show once again.
- Plan is to cover stairs with laminate also.
- Confessional, Sanctuary, and Portico – Bob Nashed from diocese office needs to follow up on our request. Confessional is the priority.

New Business

- Pastors meeting next week – Sept. 19.
- Deanery Meeting on October 28 with Bishop Burbridge
- New Mandatory Child Protection Program – Circle of Grace. If families do not abide by the policy, they must submit an opt out request to pastor in writing as to why not. Boundary program is an hour class to implement in October.
- Fr. Kevin Walsh, Dean of our Deanery will be at parish on October 7 to check books.

Events

- OLV Anniversary – Plans are moving forward and we expect a full house of 80 at the celebration dinner. There will be a celebration mass at 3 PM on Friday, October 25 with Father Horkan and Father Gould.
- Eleanor Ames is putting the directory together with photo from parishioners.
- Rose Ann Smythe has been taking photos of them for it. Sandra Modersohn will be binding the new directories.
- Eleanor is designing a magnet which will be given to parishioners as a 70th Anniversary favor.
- Diocesan Jubilee was a success and everyone seemed very pleased with the renovations at the cathedral.

Future Meeting Dates: December 12, March 13, June 12, September 11 and December 11.

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