

## Parish Council Minutes - Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

February 13, 2025 – 7 PM

Present: Father Perez, Keith Robinson, Kathleen Murphy, Eleanor Ames, Irene Sommers, Jay & Patti Fuller, Sharon Booker, Rose Ann Smythe, Susan King, Burrous Snellings, David Wittich, Frank Pandolfo. Father led us in an opening prayer. The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Finance Report:** Sharon Booker shared the current balances in our accounts.

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| • Checking Account: \$44,038.31              | These dedicated amounts are currently    |
| • DIAL Operating: \$1,078,342.76             | included in the parish checking account: |
| • DIAL Building Fund: \$87,927.84            | Filipino Shrine: \$24,920.22             |
| • DIAL Extra Ordinary Dividend: \$141,504.09 | Ladies Guild: \$4,059.24                 |
|  | Actual Balance: \$13,593.85              |

### Old Business

- Discussion on the Christmas Party. It was decided we need to develop some committees and have parish members volunteer to serve on them. Irene stated the Moose Lodge has been totally renovated. She has booked the first Sunday in December for us into the future. The 2025 Christmas Party will be held December 7, 2025.

### On Going Project Updates

- Ricky Rivera has completed the basement remodel at a final cost of \$22,300. He will also be replacing door handles to lever style per ADA requirements.
- Confessional, Sanctuary and Portico – On hold for now. Bob Nashed from diocese office needs to follow up on our request.
- We decided to hold more frequent council meetings in order to be ahead in discussions of our needs and issues. But did not decide what that should be at this time.
- It was noted the window coverings in the parish hall have deteriorated and need replacement.

### New Business

Parish Listening Sessions - Kathleen Murphy gave an overview of the three listening sessions held. These were open sessions to discuss possible improvements to the current church. The possibility of building a new church was also brought up by some in attendance. The group followed the diocese established procedures from their planning and construction guide. Many good ideas were shared and the committee put together a complete report. Father met with Father Kevin Walsh on February 6 to go over the report with him and discuss the feasibility of moving forward with the suggestions.

It was noted that Bishop Burbidge was open to the idea of a new church within reasonable expectations. It was stated that building costs are running about \$550 a square foot. A 4,400 sq. foot church would cost approximately \$2.4 million to build; which could be funded from parish reserves, a capital campaign fund and long-term loans. The bishop must approve before we move on to Phase 2.

- Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Adults: \$8 / Kids: \$4
- BLA 2025 – our parish goal for 2025 is \$15,000.
- Eleanor shared that she is looking into new window treatments for the annex; cellular shades with no cord might be the best option for our windows. Will investigate further.
- Susan King announced there would be Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 pm prior to Stations of the Cross. It will be announced in the weekly bulletin.
- There was much discussion on whether or not to share financial information with parish so everyone is aware of our income and expenses regularly rather than one end of year report. No final decision reached.

**Future Meeting Dates:** April 10, June 12, August 14. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Father led us in a closing prayer.