

**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Golden Agers Centre Church Basement
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

Executive:

Pastor: Fr. Bohdan Lukie, CSsR	President: Geraldine Koban
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR	Vice-president: Gwen Bilyk (<i>Absent</i>)
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR	Past President : Dave Spelay (<i>Absent</i>)
	Treasurer: Kathy Rusnak
	Secretary: Vicky Ostrowercha

Committees:

Children & Youth: Lana Klemetski (<i>Absent</i>)	Shelley Kluk
Communications: Val Thiessen (<i>Absent</i>)	Julie Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>) Tom Abrametz (<i>Absent</i>)
Education: Pat Thompson	Janet Lawrance (<i>Absent</i>) Val Thiessen (<i>Absent</i>)
Finance: Fred Schrader	
Liturgical: Lorne Stechyshyn (<i>Absent</i>)	Ron Wizniak (<i>Absent</i>) Laurie Fedorowich (<i>Absent</i>)
Maintenance: Peter Moroz	Theodore Trotz (<i>Absent</i>) Bill Popik (<i>Absent</i>)
Outreach: Verlee Zulyniak	Dolores Harris (<i>Absent</i>)
Parish Activities: Faye Spelay (<i>Absent</i>)	
Stewardship: Vi Protz	

Parish Organizations:

Cultural Centre: Russ Thompson (<i>Absent</i>)	Golden Agers: Verna Moroz
K of C: Bill Prybylski (<i>Absent</i>)	UCWLC: Doreen Rathgeber (<i>Absent</i>)
UCBC: Larry German (<i>Absent</i>)	

1. Meeting was called to order by Geraldine at 7:00 pm.

2. Opening Prayer: Led by Father Bohdan

3. Welcome:

4. Adoption of Agenda:

a. Additions/Amendments:

b. Motion to Adopt Agenda:

Motion: *That the agenda be adopted as presented.*

Moved: Fred Schrader;

Seconded: Verna Moroz

Carried.

5. Report of the Auditor – Ryan Kitchen

Ryan provided a draft copy of the Audit recently completed, stated that the audit evidence was appropriate. Asked Parish Council to review it and contact him if there are any questions prior to the AGM on March 26.

6. **Minutes:**

a. Errors or Omissions: Nil

b. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: *That the minutes be adopted as presented.*

Moved: Vicky Ostrowercha;

Seconded: Vi Protz

Carried.

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** nil

8. **Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Kathy Rusnak

Motion: *That the Treasurer's January 31, 2017 report be accepted as presented.*

Moved: Kathy Rusnak;

Seconded: Fred Schrader

Carried.

9. **Correspondence:**

10. **Committee Reports:**

a. **President's Report:** Written Report submitted by Geraldine Koban

" Glory to Jesus Christ Glory Forever! We are coming to the end of another one year term on Parish Council...one more meeting before the AGM. Time to look back and reflect as well as renew a commitment to ongoing service.

There is never a clear delineation between one Executive and the next, since for continuity and timely communication one does need to project ahead. So even though the incoming Council will deal with our Vidpust mission and some clergy Jubilee celebrations this summer, the Executive felt a need to get some ideas on the table already. Come to this meeting prepared to consider some interesting plans for these celebrations which will include honoring our very own Pastor Rev. Father Bohdan Lukie.

The Covenant of Care which is a protocol to deal with issues of abuse in the church community is on the agenda this meeting as well. The concept is new for our Eparchy but has been in place throughout all the RC Dioceses and the other Eparchies in Canada for some time now. Our clergy and some parish volunteers participated in a training session with Deb Larmour from the Family Life Office recently, and more information will be made available for parishioners soon.

It seems we are not keen on writing reports (as evidenced by how few are submitted for the regular meetings!!), but for the AGM it is ESSENTIAL that your committee and/or organization report be in the annual meeting booklet and submitted to Teresa by February 27th for inclusion.

I understand the Nominating Committee is being met with a willingness to serve when they approach parishioners to consider a term on the Council. What a blessing this is for our Parish! I've heard from at least one parish in the Eparchy where absolutely no one will accept these roles and there will have to be nominations from the floor at their AGM to try and fill positions (including President). I think a vote of gratitude is owed to each of you for your efforts and contributions in making the meetings a respectful, cooperative and Christ Centered environment where we can work together in harmony. I believe there lies the difference between our reality, and parishes where no one wants to step forward. May God bless each of you for all you have done and continue doing."

In Christ,
Geraldine Koban
Parish Council President

b. **Finance Committee:** No report

c. **Liturgical:** No report

d. **Parish Activities:** No report

e. **Maintenance:** Submitted by Peter Moroz:

- Carpet installed in the choir loft. I had nine gentlemen come to remove the old carpet and move furniture, and four came to re-install furniture. I thank them kindly.

f. **Children & Youth:** No report

g. **Education:** Written Report submitted by Pat Thompson

The first Adult Faith Formation Course held at St. Mary's concluded on January 21, 2017. Graduation included Divine Liturgy and Missioning ceremony at St. Mary's Church followed by a reception at the Cultural Center. New classes will begin March 24, 2017.

The School calendar provided in the church bulletin continues to inform parishioners of events in the Christ the Teacher School Division.

On February 5, following the 9:00 and 11:00 liturgies, Deborah Larmour from the Family and Life Office of the Eparchy of Saskatoon spoke at the Knights of Columbus Brunch. Her presentation addressed "My Family Home: A Place to Encounter the Living Christ". At the end of her presentation, Deb answered questions, had resources/pamphlets available and encouraged parishioners to check out her website: <http://skeparchy.org/flo/family-life/my-family-home/>. Later that afternoon, Deb provided a training session on "Covenant of Care" – Abuse and Misconduct Protocol.

h. **Communications:**No report

i. **Stewardship:** No report

j. **Outreach:** No report

k. **Parish Organizations:**

i. **UCBC:** Report submitted by Peter Moroz (Past President)

- Held regular meeting on February 19, one day earlier due to funeral prayers for a parishioner.
- Donated - \$1,000. – St. Michael's Camp
 - \$ 200. – Fish Derby at St. Michael's Camp
 - \$ 1,000. – Health Foundation
 - \$ 150. – Kalyna Dance Competition
- 3 members attended U.C.B.C. Eparchial Meeting in Saskatoon. Plans started for Eparchial Convention to be held in October, 2017.

ii. **UCWLC:** No report

iii. **Knights of Columbus:** No report

iv. **UCY:** no report

v. **Golden Agers:** Report submitted by Verna Moroz

- Bingos resumed on January 26. A few new members joined our club.
- Birthday cake will be served this Thursday, February 23.
- We donated \$250.00 to our church to cover a fraction of the cost of power, etc.

vi. **Cultural Centre:** No report

11. **Adoption of Reports:**

Motion: That the Committee and Parish Organization reports be accepted as received.

Moved: Peter Moroz

Seconded: Fred Schrader

Carried.

12. **Old / On-going Business:**

a. **Parish Goals:** – Eparchial Ministry support – No report

b. **Covenant of Care Update** – Fr. Bohdan and Geraldine

- Geraldine Koban is the coordinator, attended training provided by Deb Larmour.

- Protocol for dealing with abuse.

- Eucharistic Ministers will need Vulnerable Sector Checks

c. **Nominating Committee Update** - Father Bohdan advised that he is encouraged by the willingness of people to serve.

d. **AGM** – date is March 26.

13. **New Business**

a. **Request from radio “The Rock” to fund Pro-Life broadcasts**

- Invoice received for \$819.00 + GST for Pro-Life Message.

- Discussed and deferred to next meeting.

b. **Eparchial Pastoral Council Update** – Report by Pat Thompson

- Geraldine Koban and Pat Thompson attended the Eparchial Pastoral Council Meeting in Saskatoon on Saturday, February 18. Various ministries within the eparchy provided reports.

- A few of the highlights of the reports presented.

• UCREC (Religious Education Center) will be downsizing and moving to the Chancery April 30.

• Eparchial Lay Formation in Saskatoon is in the second part of Year 11.

• First Adult Faith Formation in Yorkton was offered to 25 participants, with graduation on January 21, 2017. The second group starts March 24-25, 2017.

• Adult Faith Formation in Regina is scheduled to begin March 17/18, 2017.

• A future initiative of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry is hosting Unity 2017. This will be for young adults ages 18 – 35 in Muenster, Saskatchewan on August 17 – 20.

• Parishes are encouraged to have a communication representative to be the “link” between parish and Eparchial Communication Office. Regular updates have been provided by Yorkton.

• New eparchial website was launched in January 2016, and since then has had over 2,650,000 hits. Parishioners are encouraged to check out the website: www.skeparchy.org

• Online liturgy from Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Church in Saskatoon with Fr. Andre Lalach is currently available.

• The Family and Life Office has a new website which can be accessed through skeparchy.org.

My Family Home: A Place of Witness to the Living Christ is a new initiative on speaking to those who are disconnected from Christ and the life of the Church. This presentation is available to parishes. A marriage prep. course is almost complete – “Crown Them with Glory”. Training sessions on Covenant of Care continue to be provided.

c. Vidpust and Jubilee celebration ideas – Fr. Bohdan

- June 24, Father Len will be main celebrant. Planning for Liturgy at 4:30, followed by a reception with wine and cheese, etc., no banquet. Other clergy can attend this Saturday event.
- The focus of the celebration for the 50th Anniversaries will be Father Len, and Father Bohdan. Has requested choirs from Winnipeg (Hoosli and Macenko) to sing at the Liturgy. (former St. Vlad's graduates).

d. Installation of New Parish Council – Fr. Bohdan

- Liturgy with a special service, early May.

14. Pastor's Report and Updates

- Continues with house Blessings and updating parish lists.
- Cantor workshop was very successful with excellent information, 19 people attended.

15. Meeting Dates for March, 2017

- a. Executive: March 14, 2017
- b. Parish Council: March 21, 2017
- c. AGM: March 26, 2017

16. Motion of Adjournment: Geraldine Koban at 8:15 pm.

17. Closing Prayer: Led by Father Kushko

Minutes recorded by: Vicky Ostrowercha