

St. Olav Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

In attendance: Egil Mogstad, Theodor With, Maria Fe Sæther, Unn Madsø, Marc Dhainaut, Beata Turek, Klaus Andersen

Absent: Dominika Kowalczyk.

Item 21/18: Approval of summons and agendas.

Summons and agendas were approved.

Item 09/18: Decisions made on issues where the parish council has given advice.

1. Fire and security guard during Mass and collections (item 03/18).
Shifts plan adopted as proposed by parish council.
2. Employment of substitute organ player (item 33/17). **Employment contract will be signed with Polish organ player. The terms of employment will be the same as those held by the Norwegian organ player.**
3. Changes in church coffee routines (item 33/17). **Polish and Norwegian church coffees are now incorporated in the parish accounts. Both groups have been given bank cards for their purchases.**
4. Allowance to the Advent action of KUL-Tros in 2017 (item 35/17).
Allowance granted as proposed by the parish council.
5. System for the use of the rooms in the parish centre (item 11/17 and item 2/18). **We are going to start using the same system as the one used in the Oslo Catholic diocese. The system is based on calendars in the email system of the church (Office 365). The parish secretary will be the administrator of the system in our parish.**
6. Practical support to the catechists. **A lot of good cooperation between the parish council and the parish secretary and the operating personnel has been established. There is a book in the book-store where assignments to the operating personnel can be entered. An email to Renate is also an option.**
7. Co-operation and coordination between the international and the Polish catechesis (item 08/18). **The work with this item will continue, see also items 17/18 and 22/18.**
8. The use of incense during Mass (item 29/17). **The parish priest tries to the best of his abilities to control the use of incense. A fan to draw incense out**

of the sacristy where the incense containers are being kept could be installed. Another alternative would be to start using a milder kind of incense.

Item 17/18: Pastoral plan for the children and the young.

Background:

The Bishop has put into effect a pastoral plan for the work for children and the young. The Bishop writes that the intention with the plan is to “state a common minimum for what families, children and the young are to be offered pastorally in our parishes.”

The parish priest put forward some introductory discussion issues, and gave a brief of today’s situation.

Conclusion:

A status for the present situation was presented. We have already implemented many measures recommended in the Bishop’s plan.

An early restoration of the old parish hall will represent a welcome contribution to the promotion of pastoral work in general, in particular with a view to camp activities (e.g. during Olsok and Advent actions) and longer gatherings intended to promote a sentiment of Catholic community.

We continue to address this item during the coming autumn departing from the report form on page 12 in the plan, in order to find out among other things what new goals we can work towards during the remainder of our election period.

Item 22/18: First communion catechesis in St Olav

Background.

The parish council refers to item 08/18 about catechesis addressed in the meeting on 1 March.

The catechist Lena Tande wants to know what the council thinks about her plans for a reorganisation of the first communion catechesis as of the autumn of 2018. A reorganization will imply the need for new catechists to replace those who have quit. Lena has had a meeting with Snit Ghebriel, Anna Selmer-Olsen, David Ottersen and Abel Amar, who are positive to the prospect of

contributing. It will be necessary to offer a certain compensation in the form of hourly wages to the new catechists. If we estimate 10 yearly Saturdays with 4 catechists working 4 hours per Saturday, the cost will be approximately NOK 32000 (including social costs). The budget effect in 2018 will be half the amount, whereas the full amount will have to be allowed in the budget for 2019.

Conclusion:

The parish council refers to its earlier recommendation about reinforcing the first communion catechesis, to the Bishop's pastoral plan for children and the young, and to the request from the catechist Lena Tande.

The parish council supports the proposal to reorganize the first communion catechesis, and recommends that new catechists are given compensation in the form of hourly wages to the amount of an approximate total of NOK 32.000 annually. This is a trial arrangement for 2018/19. The council further recommends that money budgeted to storing facilities for the catechists (for which there will be no need in 2018), together with budget allowances to the catechesis, be freed for the purpose of paying new catechists.

This compensation is given on the basis of a necessity principle, and as a rule only to the ordinary catechesis of the parish.

The parish council also recommends that the Polish and the Norwegian catechists cooperate to bring about some joint activities, in particular activities that can promote unity and social community, like e.g. joint celebration of St Nicolas (6 December) and Sta Lucia (13 December).

Item 23/18: Use of VIPPS for collections.

Background:

The possibility for using VIPPS for collections is not known well enough.

Conclusion:

The poster which Marc has made is to be hung up on the bulletin board in the parish centre. The VIPPS number could also be pasted on the collection baskets, and the use of VIPPS could also be advertised from the pulpit and on the web site.

Item 03/18: Fire and security guard during Mass and collections responsibility.

Conclusion:

The fire and security guards should get a course before they can be expected to anything about false fire alarms. Fire and security guard during the summer of 2018: the parish priest takes responsibility this summer (from when the shifts plan expires after 1 July).

Item 24/19: Any other item.

Tour to Tautra: 25 persons have registered as of today. The capacity is 57 persons. Beata advertises to her compatriots.

Parking on the church hill. We have to buy equipment in order to introduce automatic opening and closing of the church hill gate. This has proved necessary because of a lot of illegal and dangerous parking. The gate will as a rule be closed, except for those who hold controls to the system. The elderly and the handicapped have first priority to the parking places on the church hill.

Minutes by Klaus Andersen

Maria Fe Sæther Sign.	Unn Madsø Sign.	Marc Dhainaut Sign.	Egil Mogstad Sign.
Theodor With Sign.	Klaus Andersen Sign.	Beata Turek Sign.	