

St. Olav Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 1, 2018

In attendance: Pastor Egil Mogstad, Theodor With, Klaus Andersen, Maria Fe Sæther, Hege Bergvik Strand, Dominika Kowalczyk, Beata Turek.

Absent: Marc Dhainaut,

Florence Moufack and Paul Opata attended item 07/18.

Lena Tande attended item 08/18.

Item 06/18: Approval of summons and agendas.

Summons and agendas were approved.

Sak 07/18: First Mass for Paul Opata Sunday 29 April

Conclusion:

The parish council participates in a group which prepares and carries through a parish celebration on the occasion of Paul Opatas first Mass. The parish council will be represented by Dominika Kowalczyk. The group consists also of representatives for the African group, and is led by Florence Moufack.

The group prepares a program (including food) for the celebration.

The group is requested to find out how the event is to be best advertised, and also to find out how the celebration in general can contribute to gather all groups in the parish for this special occasion.

The parish council recommends that the group of priests celebrating Mass will be composed on the broadest possible basis, and reflect the diversity of the parish as much as possible. The same applies to the liturgical expression of the Mass.

A lot of ministrants is recommended.

The parish council continues to address this issue in the meeting on 21 March. Florence is invited, and brings other representatives from the preparation group as she finds necessary.

Item 08/18: Catechesis for children up to first communion age in St. Olav parish.

Background:

First Holy Communion catechesis is demanding. Two out of three catechists have quit. The work consists not only of teaching, but comprises also a lot of practical work and coordination, like cooking, rigging of tables and chairs and the administration of equipment. In a larger perspective this issue also has bearings on the place of children in general in parish life.

In Holy Masses on Sundays some families find it difficult to bring small children to Mass because they are being hissed at there. Some people think High Mass is insufficiently adapted to the needs of families with small children.

The parish council has been asked to evaluate the family service on Christmas Eve last year.

Conclusion:

The catechesis work must get a higher priority, and be better organized. More catechists must be recruited. The catechists must get practical support for their work.

The possibilities for cooperation between Polish and international catechesis should be reviewed.

The parish secretary and the parish operating personnel can assist the catechists according to their abilities and as per arrangement.

As regards conflicts relating to noise, the parish priest proceeds to hear the different parties. Some acoustic measures are believed to do a lot to improve the situation.

Children are of course as welcome as others in Mass.

It was not possible to get a substitute organist for the family service on 24

December 2017 during the sick leave absence of the regular organist. The parish priest regrets, and emphasizes that this will not happen again. The family service on Christmas eve is to be serviced by an organist.

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

Background:

There is some doubt as to whether we have a decision regarding the budget for 2018. The parish council unanimously voted for a proposed budget for 2018 in the meeting on 24 January, but it is so far unclear what the parish priest has decided upon after that.

Conclusion:

The parish council asks to be notified of possible changes that the parish priest has made to the budget for 2018 after having talked with Per Albert Vold.

The final budget should be sent to the parish accountant Eva Huse as soon as possible to enable her to compose intermittent reports showing the state of the parish economy. This is necessary for the parish council to be able to comply with its obligations according to the Bishop's statutes section 13 .

Item 10/18: Substitute members of the parish council.

Item postponed.

Item 11/18: Parish tour to Tautra.

Background:

The parish council has been requested to arrange a parish tour to Tautra. Preparations have already been made as for transportation. The capacity will be between 70 and 80 persons, and registrations should be binding. Unn Madsø has been proposed as a guide at the monastery. Mass will be held in the chapel.

Conclusion:

The parish council is positive to the initiative, and asks the parish priest to contact the sisters to fix a time. Saturdays second or ninth of June are eligible

dates. The parish council attends to announcements and registrations when the date is clear.

Item 12/18: Exhortation from the Bishop.

Background:

The Bishop has addressed the parish priest referring to the Lenten message of Pope Francis for 2018 and the initiative "24 hours for the Lord") with confession and sacrament adoration. He wishes this to happen between Friday 9 and Saturday 10 of March (the message is found on katolsk.no).

Conclusion:

A Polish retreat in the spirit of the papal Lenten message is being held on dates which coincide with those of the exhortation. The parish priest cooperates with the Poles in order to have their retreat include non-Poles.

Item 13/18: Olsok (feast of St Olav).

Background:

The parish priest has asked what will be the tasks of St Olav parish in connection with the celebration of Olsok.

Conclusion:

Olsok is the holiday season in Trondheim, and it is also the time when many immigrants go home.

The parish council refers to the work being undertaken to restore the old parish hall. With time this project can facilitate also the celebration of Olsok.

We wait for initiatives from the Bishops' conference and the national Olsok committee.

Item 14/18: Visit October 12 to 14. october of relics of the Holy Teresa of Lisieux and her holy parents Louis and Zelig Martin.

Conclusion:

The parish priest distributes the program for 12 to 14 October designed by the general vicar to the members of the parish council.

Beata checks up on Polish resources regarding Teresa of Lisieux, and reviews them in a later meeting.

Other aspects of the item are postponed.

Sak 15/18: Any other item.

Use of the choir room on Sundays:

There is an agreement between the choirs that the Norwegian choir has reserved the choir room until noon fifteen. At noon fifteen the Norwegian choir vacates the space for the Polish choir to start practising.

The Polish choir normally starts practising at noon, and finds it convenient to use an adjoining room (the corner room on the 1st floor) up until noon fifteen. At noon fifteen the Polish child choir arrives, and at this time the two Polish choirs depend on having the choir room vacated.

Besides, noon fifteen is also the time when the youth want the corner-room on the 1st floor for their meetings.

It is not a good solution for the Polish choirs to use the seminar rooms on the ground floor. They depend on instruments and equipment in the choir room which are heavy to move around.

A solution in which the youth move their Sunday meetings downstairs would improve the situation on the 1st floor. But is this OK with the youth?

Minutes by Klaus Andersen

Egil Mogstad,
Sign.

Maria Fe Sæther
Sign.

Hege Strand
Sign.

Beata Turek
Sign.

Theodor With
Sign.

Klaus Andersen
Sign.

Dominika Kowalczyk
Sign.

