

# **St. Olav Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

In attendance: P. Egil Mogstad, Marc Dhainaut, Theodor With, Klaus Andersen, Hege Bergvik Strand, Dominika Kowalczyk,

Absent:, P. Slawomir Czuba, Maria Fe Sæther, Beata Turek,

Per Albert Wold attended agenda 06/17 Budget for 2017 and budgeting principles from 2018.

### **Item 20/17: Summons and agendas.**

Summons and agendas were approved.

### **Item 17/17: What tasks do we want to work with?**

See also Item 11.

#### Topics from the discussion:

The parish council meetings are in themselves of great importance. The parish council is a representative body, and the members have to be up to date on what is happening in the parish. It is in the meetings that the parish priest gets advice in various matters.

The work with budgets and accounts is important and must be continued.

The work with social activities (parish gatherings and the like) should be stepped up.

There is also a wish to work with events for people in the city, with e. g. talks and cafeteria, and with a Christmas gathering the old-fashioned Norwegian way where all groups are invited.

#### Decision:

A group consisting of Hege Strand, Dominika Kowalczyk, Beata Turek and Maria Fé Sæther is established for the purpose of planning a Christmas gathering.

### **Item 06/17: Budget for 2017 and budgeting principles from 2018.**

A brief was given by Marc on the work with the budget. He gave an account of the contents of a meeting held on 13 September between him, the parish priest and the parish controller. The focus was on the budget for 2017. In the meeting the chart of accounts were simplified, and the account titles were made more informative. In addition a clarification was made regarding what expenses belong to the parish and what costs belong to the prelature.

The budget for 2017 was not completed in the meeting, as there still remains some work with fixing the budget for some accounts and also to check the ratio between earnings and expenses on the bottom line. A new meeting is to be held to complete the budget for 2017, and to start working on the budget for 2018.

Decision:

A new meeting is held in the economy group (Marc, Egil, Per Albert, Theodor and Klaus) on Wednesday 8 November at 6.45 am.

Per Albert prepares a spreadsheet rendering account figures for three back years as a background for the upcoming budgeting.

## **Item 11/17: Follow-up of meeting on 7 June with user groups of the parish centre.**

See also Item 17.

Topics from the discussion:

The parish council wishes to work with the new parish secretary to develop a system for making room reservations in the parish center.

Improvements on several topics raised in the meeting with the users on 7 June were reported: assistance to families with children during Mass has been stepped up, and activities for students are being built up around the Saturday evening masses.

Regarding the work for children and teen-agers there is an ambition to improve the confirmant-catechesis and its need for camps and activities, to make more rooms available for simultaneous use, to furnish rooms according to the special needs of the users, to raise the skills of teachers and leaders, to involve grown-ups when necessary, the acquisition of equipment and remedies for common use, storing and administration of this, and more coordination of activities across ethnical barriers.

There is also a wish for youth- and family masses.

For the time being there are no plans to start a Caritas group in the parish. A lot of good caritative work is being undertaken e. g. in the Polish group, and in addition a number of people contribute to Kirkens Bymisjon.

## **Item 08/17: The position as new parish secretary.**

Background:

The position as parish secretary has been advertised with closing date for applications on 31 August. This is an important item for the parish council. It is understood unanimously that the authority to hire a person lies with the parish priest.

A vote was made in the meeting, and the following decision was adopted with four votes in favour:

Decision:

The parish council asks p. Egil to consult the parish council before he hires a new parish secretary.

One member voted against, and one member refrained from voting.

## **Item 23/17: Approval of parish accounts for 2016.**

### Decision:

The item is postponed to the meeting on 25 October.

## **Item 21/17: Any other item.**

No items.

Minutes written by Klaus Andersen

P. Egil Mogstad  
Sign

Beata Turek  
Sign

Marc Dhainaut  
Sign.

Dominika Kowalczyk  
Sign.

Theodor With  
Sign.

Klaus Andersen  
Sign.