

Our Lady of Hope Parish Council Minutes for November 24, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Michael, Deacon John, Chuck S, Tony M, Jeryl R, Donna R, Bill K, Lori H, Michelle R, Sara P, Mike H, Rita K, Andrew K, Anne S

1. **Opening Prayer:** Led by Fr. Michael
2. **Compliance:**
 - Parish Council Bylaws: Major changes were mainly timeline for serving & flexibility
 - Confidentiality Policy: New signatures for Mike, Rita & Andrew
3. **Financial Update:** We are in red due to Capitol Improvements. If taken out, we are a little better. Once all expenses for kitchen & sidewalk are in, will do a mini financial report. Possibility of doing a week to week, money received versus expenses was brought up. If so, should be same for both churches.
4. **Hope Appeal:** 2 weeks ago, we were at 50.5%.
5. **Funeral Planning Update:** Resulted in people scheduling Pre-planning with office.
6. **Safe Environment Update:** 4 People due by end of December, 2 all set, 2 working on. Deadline for classes is 12/15. Look to due a class in January at OLOH.
7. **Eucharistic Ministers for 4pm Mass:** Way down in numbers of volunteers. Need speak up and invite more, may need personal invitations by Fr..
8. **Brick Placement:** 3 new bricks were put in.
9. **Fundraising/Outreach:**
 - Monthly commitment to Emmaus (\$50):
Will start in January
 - Bake Sale: November sale raised \$500.
 - KOC: Lottery chances raise money
 - SMSP Confirmation:
5 confirmed on Sunday, November 16
10. **Staff Additions:** Matt left so hired John Regan as new maintenance man. Steve K. will help train him.
11. **Buildings & Grounds:**
 - Kitchen Complete: Will accept donations
 - Heated Sidewalk Update: Delayed due to supply issues. To be completed soon.
 - New Hot Water Tank in Church:
Installed last week.
 - Boiler Update: 2 boilers needed new electronics & upkeep.
 - Security Camera Update: Still waiting as problem with existing not correct yet.
 - Internet Update: Upgraded RTWO & Horrigan rooms.
 - Replace Lights in Church with LEDs – lift rental: Spring date.
 - Grotto Pump and Lighting on Cross: electrician working on issues.

- Altar Rail Update: Need to decide where best to put railing.

12. Events:

- Use of Horrigan Room: Collecting small fee for usage of room.
- Church Christmas Decorating: Looking for volunteers on December 10. Will put out flyer & signup sheets.
- Lessons & Carols 12/14: Have 4 volunteers to help direct traffic. Need to give up OLOH for the weekend & do masses at SMSP. Will provide shuttles from Clary School lot starting at 3:30, running every 15 minutes. Need to purchase new timers to coordinate lighting.

13. Round Robin:

- Diocesan Parish Council minutes are available.
- Ideas for new sign usage.

14. Next Meeting: Parish Council on February 9, 6:30 PM

15. Closing Prayer: Fr. Michael led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Simmons

- RTWO Room: Will enlarge photo of 4 Priests to hang in room to honor & recognize them.
- Salt: Sell extra to SMSP
- Women's Christmas Party 12/18: Need flyer & signup sheets.
- Presentation on Music Ministry 2/10: Informational session to be held.
- Trivia 2/15: 3rd annual Vocations fundraiser.
- Doug's Fish Fry 3/20: Will be held at SMSP with proceeds to OLOH.