

Our Lady of Hope
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026 @6:30pm

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

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Michael

1. Approval of the November 24, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve by Bill K & Lori H. Unanimous consent.

2. Financial Update

- Mini Financial Statement: Fr. Michael gathering final costs for the new kitchen and sidewalk. By 3/1, will have letter out sharing breakdown with Parishioners.
- Lessons & Carols: Not a Parish expense, covered by donations. We had close to 700 people attending. It is not decided yet if the event will be held every year or alternating.
- Hope Appeal: Made our goal with about +\$6000. Many thanks to all!

3. Safe Environment Update

- February 22 at SMSP Recertification at 1pm
- March 19 at OLoH Initial at 6:30pm
- Will hold additional Recertification class on April 9 at 6:30 pm
- Sign up on Diocese Website, maximum 25 people, good for 5 years

4. Eucharistic Ministers for 4pm Mass

Need additional volunteers for all masses, especially the 4:00 pm mass.

5. Fundraising/Outreach

- Monthly commitment to Emmaus: Previously approved \$50 monthly donation, instead OLoH will write one check for the annual amount in July
- Christmas Bake Sale Income: Raised \$500
- Outreach: Joan H suggested holding several Meet & Greet get togethers through out the year

6. Buildings & Grounds

- Kitchen – Prep Table & Donation: Discussed need for a 5 ft. prep table in the kitchen and a dual purpose 8 ft. table in the Horrigan room for making sandwiches for the Men's shelter as well as hosting events. Suggestion was to get 2 portable 5 ft. tables that could be put together as needed. Donna will get pricing quotes.
- Heated Sidewalk Update: Completed
- Boiler Update: When new boilers installed, they did not include new pumps or boards. The estimate to replace these items will be about \$20,000

- Security Camera Update: Will revisit in Spring
- Stained Glass Window: Will revisit in Spring
- Replace Lights in Church with LEDs – lift rental: Date not set yet
- Grotto Pump and Lighting on Cross: Electrician will need to come back and fix lighting problem. Probably will need to replace grotto pump, lower priority.
- Altar Rail Update: Newly installed on left side. Will contact Steve/Jeremy to add a second rail to other side of railing so it can be used from both sides
- RTWO Room: Chuck put together a photo of the 4 Priests, the room is named after and he will add a summary of their journeys to priesthood.
- Rectory Sewer Problem: Will need to have the pipes scoped to determine where the problem lies
- OLoH Maintenance: John Regan has now been hired permanently to do maintenance and upkeep. May put together a committee to meet periodically to discuss ideas and resources for help with maintaining and improvements.

7. Events

- Presentation on Music Ministry 2/10
- Trivia 2/15: Over 100 signed up
- Doug's Fish Fry 3/20: Hold at SM/SP with proceeds reserved for OLoH
- Prayer & Worship 3/28 (Dan Schutte, Composer): OLoH will host free concert
- Lenten Adult Formation Series, *The History of Papacy*: Tuesdays: 1pm OLoH & 7pm SMSP, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24. Sessions will be recorded
- Soup Suppers: Mondays: 5:30pm, preceded by 5pm Prayer 2/23 & 3/2 at OLoH, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 at SMSP (free will offering for Haiti)
- Fall Festival Date: Date set for Sept. 19

8. Round Robin

- Michelle R detailed “40 Days for Life” starting Ash Wed. through Palm Sunday with kick off event being held on 2/17.
- Sara P suggested prayer cards for “Prayers for Vocations” to help unify the community.
- Chuck S asked about Church security. Ushers & Greeters will be more alert & aware in case there is anything concerning, they will know what to do. Possibly, show video police suggested, “Run, Fight, Hide”.
- Fr. Michael discussed following up on Diocesan Minutes and letter from the Bishop to have each Parish hold a listening session. May be after Easter- pastoral planning. Fr. Michael mentioned he received a positive letter from a Parishioner outlining some ideas. One of the ideas to consider was publishing Pastoral Council minutes which was something that had been done in the past.

9. Next Meeting – Monday, May 4 at 6:00pm

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Simmons