

Minutes

OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday April 23, 2017 10:20am

Attendance Present: Ed Hubbard, Peter Gray, Aruna Halala, Carla Kohlschmidt, Mary Muza, Cedric Parish, David Dorgan, Fr. Michael Barrett, Bob Gallagher, and Ed Abadie. Not present: Mark Kolb, Richard Krueger
Also present: Richard Becker, Ron and Gail Mackiewicz, Peg Harloff and Kathy Kretzer (who had been invited to participate in evaluating the anniversary celebration); also, parish attorney Mark Lipscomb

Opening Prayer by Ed Hubbard

Acknowledgments : Thank you to David Dorgan for the snacks for the meeting

Evaluations

1 Parish Anniversary celebration. Mary Muza solicited feedback on the major aspects of the event and did a superb job of leading and controlling the process. Such feedback is important for future event planning.

- Venue- almost all positive feedback
- Invitations- One guest thought the announcement was not as clear as needed. One person tried to invite 100-200 outside people but was registered for 2 because we could accommodate only the 321 members and former members from other parishioners' responses, due to space limitations in the venue. Communication about this could have been better. *Note:* Due to generous donations, receipts were almost even with costs.
- Reception and registration (check-in)- There were long lines but they moved pretty well because we had enough people to direct guests. Perhaps those with walkers could have been given priority for checking in.
- Decorations- Expenses for plants / centerpieces were on budget. Too much cake was ordered; the excess was donated. Too much table snacks were made also. Flower arrangements were split up by winners. The ability to be split up the arrangements was a good idea.
- Memory book/ memory table- Memory book was well received. Memory table was not used as intended purpose or recognized for what it was, due to tight spacing in the hallway.
- Publicity- Announcement was in Brown Deer Now. Notice was not in the Catholic Herald but the event was mentioned on Relevant Radio.
- Service/ Program- Photographs are on the parish website and will be displayed on the table in the back of church, in a digital display frame that will be donated. Dignitaries should have been mentioned at brunch. Mass should have had more reminiscing. A few thought that the "present" and "future" elements of the program detracted from the celebratory nature of the event, but many others appreciated being informed of current issues and upcoming challenges. Bob was commended for his performance as a very entertaining emcee for the event.

2 Easter Vigil social

- Vigil was well attended. Very little food was left over.
- The Fisher Hall venue worked out well. Placement of the tables near the center, and the number attending (well over 100) minimized echoing.

Reports

- 1- Prayer and worship- No report (no meeting in April). Next meeting May 9
- 2- Finance- No report (no April meeting). Next meeting May 3. The parish budget will be presented at that meeting. The presence of three council members will constitute the council's participation in the budget process.
- 3- Human Concerns. David spoke about the last meeting at St. Bernadette's. The next meeting is May 2 at 1:30pm. Discussion centered on the nurse at St. Bernadette. She is an Aurora employee who currently works about 16 hours a week at St. B, where she does include blood pressure checks and home visits and provides bulletin articles. David called Aurora to find out how OLGH could join the program, and will research (and report on) cost and time. With the parish budget being finalized, this may have to be too late for this year. Mary Muza will contact Ascension Health to get details of their nurse program.
 - There are two authors who are willing to speak to the tri-parish about Alzheimers disease.
 - David will find out possible dates they could speak.
- 4- Office move status. Christ Child needs a six month notice of termination of their lease. Given the Seton development (see below), exchanging space with them is not feasible, and we would rather not lose rental income from them. Relocation of our offices is therefore off the table for now.
- 5- Seton/ Northwest Catholic update. Seton intends to consolidate the school onto our campus this fall for at least 2017-2019. They are in discussions with St. Bernadette's about the cost reserving that campus for possible use again in the 2019-20 school year, if enrollment would warrant it

Council issues

- 1- Two members' terms expire June 30. Richard Kreuger and Ed Abadie have expressed willingness to renew for second terms.
- 2- Cedric Parish's term as trustee also expires then. It is possible that he will succeeded by a council member, in which case we would have a vacancy.
- 3- Consideration of filling the open vice chair position was once again deferred.

Upcoming events

- 1- The deanery meeting will be held April 24th. Ed Hubbard and Carla Kohlschmidt will attend and will report to the council. *Note:* Ed prepared and distributed a report on April 25th.
- 2- The tri-parish steering committee will meet at OLGH on Thursday, April 27th.

- 3- The pastoral councils of the three parishes will meet in joint session at OLGH at 6:30pm Tuesday May 16.
- 4- All council members should be receiving the archdiocese's monthly "parish leader" updates (via e-mail).
- 5- There will be an archdiocesan meeting about Spirituality of Stewardship at the Cousins Center Saturday November 4th from 8:30am to 12:30pm.
- 6- There will be a meeting at the Cousin's Center February 3, 2018 from 8:30am to 12:30pm for pastoral and finance council chairs.

Assignments for the next pastoral council meeting Sunday June 11 after 9am mass

1-Prayer: Mark Kolb

2-Snacks: Richard Krueger

Meeting adjourned 12 pm