

## Minutes

OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting  
Sunday February 19, 2017 10:20am

Present: Ed Hubbard, Aruna Halala, Cedric Parish, Richard Krueger, Peter Gray, Father Michael Barrett, Mary Muza, Ed Abadie, and Bob Gallagher.  
Not present: David Dorgan and Carla Kohlschmidt. Guest: Mark Kolb

Opening prayer: Mary Muza

Acknowledgements: Mary for the prayer; Ed Abadie for bringing the refreshments.

Introductions, council issues, and status:

- 1- Vicki Jalas left the council (and other positions) in January, so Ed has been engaged in efforts to appoint someone to fill out the remainder of her term. Mark is considering accepting appointment and ask to attend a meeting to assist him in the process. Vicki's resignation also affects some of our committees and compels revisiting the deployment of our resource.
  - a-Finance Council has seven members; three are on this council. This includes Dave as our liaison.
  - b-Prayer & Worship as nine members; five are on this council. This includes Mary Muza as our liaison.
  - c-Christian Formation is a tri-parish committee, with three members from OLGH. Two were from this council, but Vicki's departure leaves only one. them.
  - d-Human Concerns meets on a tri-parish basis. The other parishes have their own committees (three members each); we do not. Bob and Vicki OLGH was represented with two members; now it's only Bob. (The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 11a.m. March 7 at St. Catherine's.
  - e- Ed proposed that we have our own Human Concerns committee, to address our own issues and take part in the tri-parish group. Aruna, Ed Abadie and Richard Krueger volunteered to be part of it. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled so Bob can "pass the torch" in due course.
- 2- Prayer & Worship report: Mary spoke about the recent meeting. Engage our elderly and hospitality were the emphasis of the meeting. Due to our demographics, we need to focus on the needs of our elderly parishioners.
- 3- 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Mary reported in detail on plans for the celebration:
  - Venue: Sheraton Four Points in Brown Deer (better access than other locations). The ballroom and promenade will be used. Contract signed.)
  - Date: Sunday April 2 will be the date. Registration at 10:30am after Mass. Brunch from 11am to 12:30pm. Cake and celebration from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Clean up from 1:30pm to 2:00 pm.
  - Invitations will be sent out to current registered parish members (who can invite others).

- RSVP's must be returned by 3/19. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will be requested to help defray the cost.
  - Assignments determined in last Sunday's meeting are on today's handout.
  - A standard hotel brunch buffet will be provided for 1.5 hours.
  - Pastoral council members are asked to attend and help as needed. Some have already volunteered for tasks listed on the handout. with tasks.
  - A parish member will be the photographer for the event.
  - See handout Mary provided for more details.
- 4- Human Concerns report. Bob Gallagher spoke about the projects discussed at the tri-parish Human Concerns meeting.
- Take Back the Site. This is a prayer service held when there is a murder in the tri-parish area. They will work with the police chaplain. It is not for the victim or the perpetrator but to take back the site.
  - A meal program was ruled out because there are several in the area. However, a winter farmer's market was proposed.
  - There are healthy relationships in the school with snack announcements in the church bulletin.
- 5- Accessibility: Bob spoke about the problem, especially in regard to the parish offices. Human Concerns meetings and other tri-parish events have to be held at the other parishes because we cannot accommodate people with limited mobility. This problem was recently highlighted when there was a problem with the elevator in church and restroom access was needed.
- The Finance Council will consider possible solutions this week. (1) Build ramps, move walls, etc. to make the current office space accessible. (2) Move the offices to the Christ Child Society building and offer the latter space in current office location. (3) Renovate Fischer Hall (at a substantial cost).
- 6- Ed Hubbard spoke about the accident that took place at the 4pm mass the weekend when Fr. Mike and Bob were gone. (An EM fell and was cut by broken glass.) The individual is OK and we now have a first aid kit in the usher's room.
- 7- Ed also reported on Dave's behalf about the recent Christian Formation meeting. Two ideas: (1) The director, Lorrie Maples, should be more visible in the tri-parishes and introduce herself at masses at each parish. (2) Speakers should discuss "elder issues" at each of the parishes.
- 8- Tri-Parish Report and Upcoming Events:
- Meetings: Steering committee April 26; joint councils May 16 (both at OLGH).
  - Our cluster name, revised to Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes to comply with archdiocesan norms, has been approved.
  - We will have Mardi Gras socials after both Masses this weekend. Help is needed to assemble sandwiches at 7:45am Sunday.
  - The wine and cheese social will be held again after the Easter Vigil.
  - Our next meeting will be after the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, March 26.
  - Richard will lead the opening prayer; Mary will bring snacks.
  - Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

**Post- meeting follow ups:**

(1) Mark Kolb has accepted appointment to succeed Vicki for the council term that expires June 30, 2018.

(2) Following the Feb. 22 Finance Council meeting, council members were polled regarding the proposal to move the parish offices to the building now occupied by the Christ Child Society., which would be both accessible and visible. (CCS would have the option of moving to the current parish office location.) Sentiment was in favor of proceeding with that course of action. A small task force will be formed to plan how /when the moves would unfold. CCS must be notified by April 1, as their lease expires July 1.