

Minutes  
OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting  
Sunday January 14, 2018 10:30am

Attendance Present: Acklen Banks, Fr. Michael Barrett, Dave Dorgan, Bob Gallagher, Peter Gray, Peg Harloff, Margie Kaczmarek, Carla Kohlschmidt, Richard Krueger, Mary Muza, Penny Potter. Guest Mark Lipscomb.  
Attendance not present: Aruna Halala

**1- Prayer**

- **Ice Breaker question.** All council members select and answer questions. This was another getting to know exercise.

**2- Formation. Facilitator Carla**

- **What it takes to prepare for and conduct weekend mass celebrations**

1 presider

2 lectors

2 servers or acolytes

11 eucharistic ministers (4 stations)

4 greeters or ushers

1 sacristan- laundry person

1 cantor and choir

1 or 2 musicians

custodian/ security/ snow removal

church environment

- total of approximately 30 people every mass or 60 per weekend ideally.
- How should we use this information was discussed with the following noted:
  - Mentoring or one-on-one approach to people.
  - We need more people, especially younger people, involved in the mass
  - Signup at the door so people will know if we are short of people at the mass
  - Address the feedback that some Parishioners may not feel worthy to serve at mass
  - There are gaps in manpower due to diminishment
  - It takes a village article in the bulletin

**3- Opening Prayer-** Led by Pat Lencioni from the Amazing Parish – Module 10: Vision Part II video

- See [www.amazingparish.org](http://www.amazingparish.org)
- We need a clear vision. Every Parish needs a mission, Thematic Goal or “rallying cry.”
- Why do we exist?
- How do we behave?
- What do we do?
- What makes us unique?
- What is first priority right now?
- What is the most important thing between 3 and 12 months that the parish needs to solve right now.
- More than one goal dilutes the parish effort
- How do we get this done?
- Establish Defining Objectives- examples like make music better, establish a leadership team and revitalize youth ministry.
- We need to identify what is the single most important goal at OLGH right now. We need to determine what tasks individual team members should be responsible for in order to reach

that goal. Parishes that have a clear thematic goal or rallying cry are able to stay more focused and bear more fruit with their efforts to become Amazing Parishes.

#### **4- Action Items and Committee Reports- Keeping Council “In the Know”**

- The Pastoral Council agreed to gather for a special meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 1/23. We will determine how we will measure our success in carrying out our Thematic Goal and Rallying Cry of “Better together at OLGH” over the next six months. Mary will bring snacks. Bob/ Fr. Mike have left over Christmas wine to share.
- In response to the request from the Finance Council Chair who is leading the Buildings and Grounds committee, the Pastoral Council made and approved a motion to ask Ron Mackiewicz and the Finance Council/Buildings and Grounds committee to develop a plan for an inexpensive renovation of Fischer Hall and present it to the Pastoral Council for approval. The Pastoral Council needs more details but we are supportive of the idea that we make Fischer Hall useable again.  
*Post meeting note: The actual ask to the Council was for ideas from the Finance/Facility committees to provide ideas on how we'd like to use the Fischer Hall. This subject will be added to next month's meeting for review.*
- Human Concerns Report- The Council approved Dave and Bob to lead the setup of the Catholic Charities “bundling program” during the Lenten season. Dave was asked to get Catholic Charities brochures to be included in the racks in the back of church so our members know how to access services from Catholic Charities if needed.
- Peg reported that the Urban Healthcare/Ascension program is an interfaith program managed by Ascension Healthcare. Besides helping us do blood pressure screens this group also helps churches with health information topics. They will also do follow up phone calls to parishioners who have been screened. The Council asked Peg to continue working with Urban Healthcare to learn more about doing a blood pressure check after mass as part of a hospitality weekend. We discussed liability and because it is just a screening we should be covered by the Good Samaritan laws.
- March meeting formation topic: Val Banks is working with an African American Catholics group and asked to make a presentation to the Pastoral Council. Acklen Banks will let Val know we will be very happy for her to make a 15-30-minute presentation during the March Pastoral Council meeting as the “formation” portion of the monthly agenda.
- Tri-Parish Farmers Market will be held Sunday January 21 at St. Catherine's.
- Next Pastoral Council meeting Sunday February 18 after 9am mass. Richard is scheduled for snacks.

Closing prayer – from Fr. Mike at 12:10pm. Meeting adjourned.  
Meeting evaluations to Mary by email to [mmuza1@wi.rr.com](mailto:mmuza1@wi.rr.com)