

Minutes

OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday January 17, 2017 6:30pm

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

Opening prayer: Peter Gray

Acknowledgements: Ed thanked Peter for the prayer and Carla for the desserts.

1: Tri-Parish report: Ed noted he has not received many comments about the news about Fr. Greg applying to remain at St. Bernadette's and then become the pastor of OLGH when Fr. Mike retires in 2018. Though this has been in the parish bulletin, it was noted that some people still were not aware of this. Should we tell people somehow? It was noted that there really is nothing to add at this time. No decisions have been made. The Open List to all priests in the archdiocese comes out in a couple of weeks and that may provide some clues about what may happen. It was decided not to mention anything until after the Open List comes out. It was noted that there will be eight openings in June when assignments are announced. Mary Muza volunteered to draft a short synopsis when and if something can be drawn from the Open List.

2- Human Concerns: No meeting until the 31st at St. Bernadette's. A report will be given at our February meeting, as will finance council and prayer & worship reports.

3- Discussion: Neil has said that he was willing to "run the kitchen" but not organize, or recruit help for, the St. Patrick's Day dinner. We discussed whether it was possible to have both the 65th anniversary celebration and the St. Pat's dinner especially since the two would be close together in time. If St. Pat's dinner is going forward an announcement needs to be made very soon. It was decided that we do not have to resources to do both. We will have to announce this. For this year it can be presented as a replacement. The 65th anniversary celebration will be April 2 which is within Lent, the Sunday prior to Palm Sunday. Councilors were asked to come up with ideas for the anniversary celebration.

Mary Muza researched what other parishes have done for anniversaries. Some of the ideas she found were:

a-St. Mary's had a mug with each parishioner's face on it to give to them.

b-honor the oldest family in the parish

c-come up with a prayer for the parish

d-plant plants or trees in honor of the occasion

e-assemble puzzles with parish history and trivia in them

f-assemble a favorite hymn contest among all parishioners

g-come up with parish favorite traditions

h-ask parishioners for stories of past events and people in the parish

- i-organize a picnic or breakfast
- j-organize a raffle
- k-send out personal card invitations
- l-assemble photo displays of past parish history
- m-golf tournaments
- n-formal ball
- o-souvenir book
- p- high mass
- q- invite past pastors and priests

David Dorgan wanted to know if the anniversary celebration would be free or require a payment by parishioners. It was decided that this should be a free event for all parishioners. It was also decided that there would only one Mass that weekend (Sunday AM) to increase attendance, with a celebratory brunch afterwards, possibly at the Elk's Club. Mary Muza will research availability and cost of holding a celebration there and report back to the council. Dave thought it should have a theme of the number 65 and we should research how that number could be somehow involved in the celebration. There is a parish archives which should be reviewed for possible ideas. Ed Hubbard will draft an article for the parish bulletin, announcing the date of Sunday April 2. Mary and David will do further research on details on the celebration.

4- Conclusion and upcoming events: Bob Gallagher emailed council members information about and archdiocesan prayer and justice session to be held on Sat. 2/11. The parish will pay for anyone wishing to attend.

a- Note: There will be a short Archdiocese synod session on Spirituality and Stewardship Wed. evening 2/8 at the Cousins Center. Also, on Sat. 2/11 there will be Parish Council Congress about data understanding and use.

b-The next OLGH parish council meeting will be held 2/19/17. Opening prayer will be presented by Mary Muza and snacks provided by Ed Abadie.

c- We do have three wheelchairs available for parishioners who need them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm