

Minutes
OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting
Sunday November 19, 2017 10:30am

Attendance Present: Acklen Banks, Dave Dorgan, Bob Gallagher, Peter Gray, Aruna Halala, Peg Harloff, Margie Kaczmarek, Carla Kohlschmidt, Richard Krueger, Mary Muza, Penny Potter.

Attendance not present: Fr. Michael Barrett

1- Prayer & Formation.

- **Ice Breaker question.** All council members select and answer questions. This was another getting to know exercise.
- **Opening Prayer-** Our Father led by Mary Muza
- **Thanksgiving Never Ends:** facilitator Carla Kohlschmidt. What is something you are thankful for regarding your parish/school/ organization and your staff/ council? What is a Thanksgiving tradition that is meaningful to you and your family? All council members give ideas.
- Archbishop Jerome ListECKI has letter to all parishioners which contains six reflections on Thanksgiving. Refer to letter which was attached to meeting agenda. Note this is also in the November 19 parish bulletin.
 - 1- Go to mass and count your blessings.
 - 2- Write "I'm thankful for you" cards and give them to family and friends.
 - 3- Share your thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this year.
 - 4- Help someone.
 - 5- Take a hike. Enjoy God's gift of creation.
 - 6- Focus on the things you are most grateful for.

2- Actions Items and Committee Reports- Keeping Council "In-the-Know"

- Review and discussion of recent changes in OLGH Leadership.
- Ed Hubbard resignation. Ed's contributions to the Parish were recognized in the bulletin. Some Council members have also personally thanked Ed for his service.
- Penny Potter replaced Ed Hubbard as the trustee- treasurer. Welcome Penny and thank you for your service.
- Fr. Mike Barrett retirement December 31, 2018.

3- Mission /Parish scorecard.

- Parish staff engagement/ morale- rated yellow. Could be improved
- Pastoral Council-rated green. We have a good group assembled.
- Worship- Liturgy Schedule – rated green. It could be updated to include all three parishes.
- Worship- Liturgical Ministries- rated yellow. We need additional people.
- Worship- Liturgical Ministries –regularly celebrate vibrant, faith enriching liturgy- rated green. We have tried various unique events.
- Worship- Liturgical Ministries- Liturgical training. - rated red. Not updated recently.
- Worship- Liturgical Ministries- spiritual formation- rated red. It is not a job but a ministry.
- Worship- Liturgical Ministries- theological education- rated red. Not updated recently.
- Sacraments- rated yellow. There is a cultural battle. Younger generations do not see the need for sacraments.
- Christian Formation Tri-Parish K5-8- rated yellow. Could be improved.
- Christian Formation Tri-Parish Grades 9-11 -rated yellow. Could be improved.
- Christian Formation Tri-Parish Adult formation- rated yellow. Politics between parishes
- Christian Formation- Tri-Parish Sacramental Preparation- rated yellow. Could use improvement

- Sharing upcoming events- rated yellow. We don't know what we don't know. We could use a Tri-Parish events calendar.
- Our Mission – Called by Christ We Worship together and serve the world- rated green.

4- Standing Committee updates

- Formation committee- no meeting to report.
- Prayer and Worship committee. No meeting to report. Next meeting in January.
- Ministries recruitment will be held the weekend of January 13/14.
- Human Concerns committee. Presented by Margie. 1/21/18 the Farmers Market will be held at St. Catherine's cafeteria Announcements will be in the bulletin and flyers will be posted. Brunch will be \$7. Admission to the Farmers Market is free. This is the first time there is this kind of Tri-Parish event.
- Stewardship talent- Presented by Aruna. We need to define what stewardship really is. There will be follow-up meeting held at Mary's condominium between Aruna, Richard and Mary. This meeting will be held Wednesday November 29 at 6pm. See email for directions to Mary's condo. All other council members are welcome to attend and provide input.

5- Holiday Celebration

- Saturday December 23 at 10am church decorations will be put up.
- Sunday December 24 advent decorations taken down after morning mass and poinsettias put out.
- Saturday December 16 – Tri-Parish reconciliation service will be held at OLGH at 2pm.
- Sunday December 10 at 4pm there will be a social event hosted by the finance council at the Bavarian Inn. RSVP requested.

6- **No December Pastoral Council meeting.** Next meeting will be held after 9am mass on January 14. Note this was moved due to the Farmers Market held January 21.

7- **Video was shown about creating an Amazing Parish.** This provides background on the Parish scorecard we have been working on.

- See www.amazingparish.org
- There is free registration at the website.
- This video is presented by Pat Lencioni.
- There are numerous videos and webinars at the website. There are two modules about amazing parish goals or visions. Module 9 Vision Part 1 and Module 10 Vision Part 2. We viewed part 1 in our meeting. Go to the website to see part 2.
- You need a Mission. Thematic goal or rallying cry.
- Six questions that need to be answered
 - 1 -Why do we exist?
 - 2- What values does your parish embrace?
 - 3-What must your parish do?
 - 4-How will your parish succeed?
 - 5-What should we focus on right now?
 - 6-Who must do what?
- Closing prayer – The amazing parish prayer.
- Meeting evaluations to Mary by email to mmuza1@wi.rr.com
- Meeting adjourned at 12:18pm