

## Minutes

### OLGH Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday October 15, 2017 10:35am

Attendance Present: Acklen Banks, Fr. Mike Barrett (Pastor) , Dave Dorgan, Bob Gallagher, Peter Gray, Aruna Halala, Peg Harloff, Ed Hubbard, Margie Kaczmarek, Carla Kohlschmidt, Richard Krueger, Mary Muza.

- 1- **Ice Breaker**- Review feedback from parishioners on the reports from Ron Mackiewitz and Mary Muza.
  - Someone felt skeptical about the financial report.
  - Soccer goals put up in south lot by Milwaukee Kickers soccer club. They will use it as a satellite playing field. Games will be held Saturdays and Sundays at times which do not conflict with mass times. They will take care of the landscaping. No rental agreement reached.
  - Jesuit priest in attendance for mass. The priest felt we have excellent leadership.
  - A broker attending mass felt we finally had a someone who knows what they are talking about when it comes to finances.
  - The gospel and Mary's speech both dealt with weddings just by chance.
  - It was felt by the council that we should hold these coffee socials once a month.
- 2- **Opening Prayer**- The Amazing Parish Prayer led by Mary Muza.
- 3- **Standing committee updates.**
  - Human concerns by David.
    - How to focus on elder issues. Sharon Brumer from the archdiocese Catholic Charities is coming to help us find our path at the Human Concerns meeting Wednesday November 15 at 6pm here at OLGH.
    - The next Tri-Parish Human Concerns meeting is October 24 at 6:30pm at St. Catherine's gym. It will be focused on the Farmer's Market logistics set up which will be held Sunday 1/21/18 from 9am to noon.
    - Margie contacted organizations for the giving trees to see what is needed. Ornaments will be made in early November. This might be scheduled so it can be completed after mass.
  - Prayer and Worship
    - Prayer and worship by Richard. January 2018 recruitment for ministries especially Eucharistic ministers for 9am mass.
    - There will be a reconciliation service at OLGH on December 16.
    - The Advent packet will be made with St. Catherine's parish this year.
    - We will most likely be adding Advent decorations each week since the last day of Advent is the day prior to Christmas.
    - There was a grant received from the Black and Native American Appeal. A speaker will be coming to OLGH Friday November 10 for the school students. The general public will be invited to hear the speaker Vallimar Jansen Saturday November 11.
  - Faith Formation
    - Formation by David. There will be a meeting at St. Catherine's 10/23 at 6:15 pm
  - Finance
    - Finance by David. Assessment by the Archdiocese has remained the same since 1981 at 4%. The assessment will increase gradually to 6% by 2022. This is for unrestricted funds.

#### **4- Calendar of upcoming events**

- Tuesday October 31 is holy day All Souls Day
- Friday November 3 and Saturday November 4 Spirituality of Stewardship Conference at the Cousins Center 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Saturday November 11 ValLimar Jansen the speaker from the Black and Native American Appeal will speak to the public of the parish.
- Wednesday November 15 the Catholic Charities is coming to meet the human concerns committee.
- Sunday November 19 the next OLGH Pastoral Council meeting after 9am mass.

#### **5- Team Exercise- Parish Council Scoreboard – continued discernment**

- Number 10- Catholic Stewardship, Score red. Parish does not meet annual goal. We are reaching 27% - 28% of our goal. Most people do not know what Catholic Stewardship funds. Items like archdioceses employees' salaries, Catholic Charities and the seminary are funded by Stewardship Appeal. Pastoral and Finance Council need to communicate this to members better. We need to see if goals can be adjusted.
- Number 11 Communications with Parishioners Bulletin. Score green. Bulletins are sent to snowbirds who migrate to other areas part of the year. Bulletins are also sent to homebound people. Suggested the optics of bulletin could be improved, especially updating parishioners on schedule to upcoming events. Debra of the parish office puts the bulletin together and Bob edits and proofreads it. There are opportunities to improve.
- Number 12 Communications with parishioners website. Score yellow. There are 150 hits on the parish website every day. 80 of those are unique. Bulletin is the most visited part of the site. The goal and objective of the website need to be established. Online giving could be improved through the website.
- By January we want to go through all the things we do according to our website. We can prioritize the items at that time.

#### **6- Other Announcement**

- Retirement News Father Mike spoke about the assignment of priests. October 6 was the deadline for requests to the archdioceses. His retirement was accepted as of December 31, 2018.

#### **7- Closing prayer**

- by Father Mike.

#### **8- Meeting adjourned at 11:35am**