

# ***OLA Pastoral Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 10, 2015

### **I. Attendance:**

Present: Fr. Paul Arinze, Sarah Carter, Deb McCann, Terra Naumowich, Rachel Brown, Frank McKearn, Bekki Zammuto, David Wilson

Absent: Mark Santas, John Breiten, Esperanza Zepeda, Sandy Blevins

### **II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer**

### **III. Parish Life Committee Discussion**

Members of the Parish Life Committee were welcomed to the meeting. The Council tasked the committee with developing additional ideas for our Silent Auction weekend. The Council would like to include events that would draw the entire community, young and old. Vigorous discussion ensued with brainstorming by all. Ideas brought forth included: 5K/1K run/walk, youth carnival, evening beer tent and band. The committee is tasked with forming a plan and bringing it back to the Council in the February meeting. Volunteers from all commissions and the parish at large will be needed.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved with additions.

### **V. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **VI. New business**

- **By Laws Update-** During the month of November, the Pastoral Council by-laws will be reviewed. Input regarding the process of electing new members and attendance policies will be reviewed and updated. A sub-committee of Sarah Carter, Frank McKearn, David Wilson and Fr. Paul will review the by-laws in November with final recommendations and updates brought to the December Council meeting for final voting.
- **Year of Mercy-** Fr. Paul shares Pope Francis' declaration that this liturgical year, beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>, is declared and Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. All Madison Diocese parishes will have priest available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during every Tuesday of Lent and Advent from 6:30-8:30pm. In addition, our OLA parish will celebrate the kick-off of this Jubilee Year during the masses on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This is

a time to encourage our community to come back, forgive, and reconcile. All are encouraged to invite and spread the word for this exciting event.

## **VII. On-Going business**

- **Stewardship Presentations-** Fr. Paul relates that feedback from the stewardship presentations and commitment has been positive. The goal is to have every volunteer contacted by staff members before Christmas.
- **Pastoral Council Goal Setting-** Action items for the council to focus on for this year were brought forth. Ideas included:
  - revamp of parish festival/silent auction/car raffle weekend (see previous discussion),
  - Bags of Mercy- will be brought to social justice committee for review
  - *A Minute in the Church-* Bekki will follow up on ordering as a “gift” for the parish
  - Increasing Community within the parish- Fr. Paul will discuss with Staff for consideration of introduction time during mass.
  - The addition of names and contact information of the Parish Council Members to the OLA website for more visibility.

## **VIII. Commission Reports**

- Please forward minutes from each commission to the members of Pastoral council via email as soon as they are available for review prior to monthly meetings.
- Commissions needing additional time to review the parish survey results may contact Fr. Paul directly as they have now been archived from the parish website.

## **IX. Closing Prayer**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6pm in the administration center.  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**

Deb McCann will lead the opening prayer. Bekki Zammuto will lead closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Terra Naumowich