

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2017
8:00 p.m.

1. Attendance:

- a. Present: Fr. Mike Resop, John Breiten, Rachel Braun, Sandy Blevins, Deb McCann, Gayle Hotchkiss, Amy Jacobson, and Charity Mulenga
- b. Guests: (OLA Staff) Laura Warzecha, Rachel Shepherd, Rob Olsen, Randy Gracyalny and Trevor Seivert, Adam Gracyalny with special guest Bekki Zammuto
- c. Absent: John Searle, Mariana Ramirez, Frank McKearn

2. Meal & Refreshments / Gathering prayer for Councils & Commissions

3. Pastoral Council Meeting /called to order at 8:10 pm

4. Election of Officers

- a. Chairman: John Breiten
- b. Vice-Chairman: John Searle (will be asked)
- c. Secretary: no volunteers, tabled for September meeting

5. Approval of Agenda: Approved on a Bekki/Rachel motion.

6. Approval of Minutes: Approved on a Debbie/Rachel motion.

7. Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission – Church Sound System will be upgraded. An anonymous donation was received to pay for the new system. Mass server's appreciation night will be held on Tuesday August 8th. Also, discussed Liturgical Catechesis for the Parish.

Education Commission –

- **School:** reviewing and updating bi-laws; A security system is being installed in school, child care, church and administration center. Funds will be used from the Annual School Fund, computer and technology fund.
- **Child Care:** 67 enrolled this summer; field trips set for the kids – “Getting to know our Community”; OLA School /Child Care is a Marketing Sponsor for the Beloit's Dirty Dash race on August 19, 2017 and any help would be appreciated. Daycare closed for staff training on August 10 & 11, 2017. The Daycare is also hosting a family fun night on August 16, 2017.
- **Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry:** VBS had 45 kids, 12 helpers and a lot of fun! “Love Begins Here” had 11 attend on June 18th thru 23rd and 5 attend on June 25th thru 28th. Faith Formation team (Rob, Adam & Mary Jean) are planning the 2017-2018 programs. FORMED an online resource for our Catholic Faith will be available for the staff and congregation soon. Immigration task force will meet 08/24; Adult enrichment series are being planned for the fall. First Beloit College Connection / Sundays for “Sharing Bread” August 27; Catechetical Sunday will be September 16th & 17th to commission all teachers and staff, the theme is “Living as Missionary Disciples”; Catechists/teachers are needed for Faith Formation 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and High School grades.

Parish Life Commission – new parishioner packets are ready (see Stewardship below). Discussion was held about getting the youth of the parish more involved in Parish activities. Pictorial: 470+ families have signed up for their picture to be taken for the parish pictorial. OLA Fall Festival will be September 23rd & 24th, Gary the Band will play at the Saturday night food and refreshment tent. A possible 50/50 raffle was discussed.

Social Justice Commission – A Thanksgiving dinner will be planned for this year again and looking at possibly adding Easter Dinner (scheduling would be a problem) Immigration subcommittee October 10, 2017 to discuss Catholic Social Teaching. Hands of Faith: OLA is hosting from August 6th thru 13th and October 22nd thru 29th.

Stewardship Commission – welcoming packets were sent out to 13 new families.

Finance Council – successful year end for parish and school. Council reviewed budget – zero base budget. Council increased maintenance budget by \$50,000 for campus capital improvements.

New Business:

Member rotation/Retiring Members - Special “Thank You” to Bekki, Sarah and Terra for their years of service, time and dedication from Fr. Mike and the entire council.

Fall Festival – Saturday evening event September 23rd is Parish Camaraderie – looking at adding games for the kids!

On-Going Business:

Maintenance to Mission – discussions for a formal plan will continue with dialogue as we take on the mission of Jesus Christ as his disciples.

Good of the Parish:

What do we need to be grateful for? What do we hear people saying about OLA.

Parish Feast Day on the August 15th – Ice Cream Social – is a way to thank people for their involvement. All are invited

Next Meeting: September 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. with Fr. Mike giving closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy Jacobson, Interim Secretary

John Breiten, Chairman