

OLA Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

I. Attendance:

Present: Fr. Paul Arinze, Sarah Carter, Esperanza Zepeda, Deb McCann, Terra Naumowich, Rachel Brown, Frank McKearn, Bekki Zammuto, Sandy Blevins

Absent: Mark Santas, John Breiten, David Wilson

II. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Fr. Paul provided opening prayer. The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as read.

IV. New business

- Commission Participation- It is desired that all parish council members serve on one commission that is overseen by the council. This will allow members to serve as a liaison between the groups. The 2015 commission volunteers are as follows:

Liturgy Committee: Terra Naumowich

Parish Life: Bekki Zammuto, David Wilson

School Commission: Sarah Carter, John Breiten

Social Justice: Rachel Brown, Esperanza Zepeda

Religious Ed: Deb McCann, Bekki Zammuto

Stewardship: Frank McKearn, Mark Santas

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.

- Setting Goals for Upcoming year- After review of parish survey results, there was much discussion to develop working goals for this group. Sarah stresses the importance of council members' attendance at meetings and transparent communication. While many ideas were brought forth, most fall under the category of Parish engagement, increasing the presence and communication of the Pastoral Council with the entire parish and encouraging registration for those Catholics that routinely attend but may not be formally registered. Bekki will look into the booklet "A minute in the Church" and we will work to increase communication back to the parish by summarizing our meetings in the

bulletin. Minutes from the council meetings will continue to be available on-line once approved. Council members are urged to bring action items to promote the goal of parish engagement to the next meeting.

V. On-Going business

- Stewardship Presentations- Fr. Paul relates that feedback from the stewardship presentations have been positive. Commitment weekend will be November 6-7th when parishioners will be encouraged to commit their time, talent and treasure. Finance council is pursuing the possibility of on-line and credit card giving.
- Pancake Breakfast- Fr. Paul reports another successful year for the pancake breakfast/silent auction/car raffle weekend. The weekend was comparable to last year's event. Many thanks extended to all who were involved in the planning and execution. The Parish Life committee will be invited to November's meeting to discuss events for next year. Bekki will communicate that invitation.
- Commission Reports- none at this time. Please refer to minutes from each group. Deb reports that the Salvation Army has hired a new associate who will be administering the "God's Fund".

VI. Closing

Frank McKearn led the group in closing prayer.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6pm in the administration center

Minutes submitted by: Terra Naumowich