

OLA Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

I. Attendance:

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

Absent: David Wilson

II. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Opening Prayer was led by Bekki Zammuto.

III. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

V. New business

- **Security/ Safety of Parish-** Recent events in our community and the false fire alarm have prompted discussion about plans for emergencies. This topic will be taken back to the parish staff for development. Ushers will need to be trained to guide parishioners to safe area in the event of an emergency. Bulletin reminders will be published concerning evacuation plans and Fr. Paul will reach out to the Vicar General to see what other parishes are doing in regards to safety measures.
- **Pastoral Absence-** In response to survey comments, the council discussed plans and strategies for Fr. Paul's absences. The council is in full support of Fr. Paul's planned leaves. Appropriate coverage for emergencies are always in place. The committee, along with Fr. Paul, will increase communication concerning absences to the parish.
- **October Count-** Final numbers were presented to the council. Fr. Paul would like to take a count during the Lent season to validate these numbers.

VI. On-Going business

- **Bylaws Update-** Discussion deferred to later date due to time constraints.
- **A Minute in the Church-** The books have been ordered to be distributed during Lent. Deb McCann will consider sharing brief information about the book and its intent for parishioners prior to mass.
- **Parish Mission-***Encounter the Mercy of Jesus: Find a New Heart*, directed by Rich Harter. Events being held February 20th thru the 24th. Sunday, Feb 21st is the kickoff at 2pm. Monday through Wednesday events will include daily Mass at 8:15am followed by informal discussion and evening sessions from 6:30- 8:00pm.
- **Council Membership-** David Wilson has decided to step down from his seat on the council at this time.

VII. 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.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Due to many conflicts, the next meeting will not be held as scheduled on Tuesday, March 9, 2015. Sarah Carter will be rescheduling the meeting~ tentatively March 7th at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by: Terra Naumowich