

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> and 5 attend on June 25<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to commission all teachers and staff, the theme is “Living as Missionary Disciples”; Catechists/teachers are needed for Faith Formation 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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**