

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2017

8:00 p.m.

Began at 8:08

1. Attendance:

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

2. Approval of Agenda: Approved on a Deb/Rachel motion.

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved on a Gayle/Deb motion.

With the removal of the Easter dinner possibility under the Social Justice report.

4. On-Going Business:

Discussion of Maintenance to Mission / Parish vision Statement

Summary of Discussion/Implications/Applications

- The council looked at a summary of definitions & background from the book *Maintenance to Mission* that was discussed last year. The goal is to identify/assess what we are doing now & how we will move forward
- Rob noted that we are spring boarding off of the “The Joy of the Gospel” written by Pope Francis. Missionary disciples is a logical connection as we look at who we are and the things we are doing that reflects the missionary disciples theme.
- Catechetical Sunday-is September 17 and is “Living as Missionary Disciples.” At weekend Masses teachers and catechists will be commissioned.
- How do we extend the Kingdom of God-living as missionary disciples?
 - We see ourselves as missionary. How does it affect me? is our big maintenance obstacle-me vs. vision of God
- 1st question-how does this further the Kingdom of God?
 - Changing our mentality from me to the Kingdom?
 - People are being sent even when we don’t think of it in those terms.
 - People don’t like change, hesitate to be disciple. The Disciples had faith to do what Jesus asked them to do, we need that prayer for strength.
- Parish vision statement has been “A Catholic Community with Open Doors and Generous Hearts” but was approved by the council to change to “Living as Missionary Disciples.” This vision statement coincides with the catechetical theme for the year and is the theme prevalent in *Maintenance to Mission*.
 - Consensus to new vision statement-missionary disciples.
 - The vision statement: Our Lady of the Assumption Living as Missionary Disciples will be highlighted in parish communications and will be visible in publications, on letter head, etc. Discussion and brainstorming on other ways to make the vision statement known and visible within the community.

5. Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- Conversation about people leaving Mass early and going out the side doors. Use bulletin, catechesis to leave by the font.
- Investigating a new Christmas manger scene. Church sound system will be updated Sept. 25-26.

Education Commission:

- **School:**
 - self-study is underway to update-school accreditation, visiting team coming next year.
 - Mission statement on daycare, school, FF materials
 - School tithing letter going out to parents
 - Code club will be continuing
 - Extended care: 5-10 kids in the afternoon, morning has had lighter attendance discussion/evaluation of the morning program will continue.
- **Child Care:** enrollment is even. Caring for 31-35 kids per day, Monday-Friday.
 - Dirty Dash-OLA logo bag gift distributed to over 600 participants. Many OLA volunteers were present.
 - Family Fun Night was August 16,2017. It was a success. Families learned about the early childhood programs, had literacy activities and checked out the 3K/4K room.
 - 3 babies to start September/November time frame. Transitioning 2-2 year olds and one more in October to the next room.
 - Working on 3K/4K aftercare
- **Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry:**
 - online registration, slow start.
 - High school programs will take place after 10:30 Mass, starts Oct. 1.
 - The parish has subscribed to “**Formed**” a Netflix type program for Catholics and is available for all parishioners.
 - Parent/Adult education will be once a month on Wednesday when students are in class
 - On Nov 8, from 6-8, “Parenting in a Technology Society” program being offered to all parents, presenter will be Justin Bangert
 - 7th/8th grade Faith Formation classes are being offered on Wednesdays at 6:15 and adding a Sunday class at 9:15 between the 8am and 10:30 Mass
- **Parish Life Commission:**
 - Pictorial directory-profits will be given to St. Vincent De Paul, pictorial should be ready in November
 - Fall Festival-coming along. Anonymous sponsor for band. Looking for more sponsors. Raffle is ahead at this time. Tickets have been delivered. Silent Auction-over 100 items donated. Last weekend for sign up (8/9-8/10).
 - Looking at starting a parish men’s group.
 - Newsletter should come out the week before Festival.

- **Social Justice Commission:**
 - Discussing options to continue partnership with our sister parish St. Joan of Arc Parish
 - Reports given on: Respect Life activity, upcoming Immigration programs, Dismas (jail ministry) God's Fund, Family Promise
 - Other topic: human trafficking and Seasons of Creation
- **Stewardship Commission**
 - Welcome packets delivered face to face. 5 out of 11 new members were seen.
 - Oct. 14/15 time and talent survey.
 - Nov 11/12 annual giving campaign weekend.
 - Electronic giving discussion on how to show giving for younger generation
 - Looking for new commission members
- **Finance Council**
 - Reviewed budget. Departments look good and on track. Monthly comparison from last year \$15,000 ahead. Budgeted 7.8% current rate is 12%.
 - Year-end financial statement coming in September newsletter.
 - Maintenance updates: projects on schedule, and will be listed in parish newsletter. Future projects: evaluating roofs, parking lot, heating/cooling system
 - School Annual Fund fund-spent money on school security system & music room risers.
 - Phase 1 of security is in. Child care-security/safety is good.
 - Technology being updated in Parish offices

New Business:

Council Membership

- **Vice Chair**-John Searle will remain as Vice Chair
- **New Secretary**-Sandy Blevins
- **New Members**-2 new people needed
 - Mariana is getting married and moving out of town.
 - Frank McKearn resigned, but will help with projects if needed
- Hospitality weekend-pastoral council will be there Jan. 13/14
- Fall festival
 - September 23/24
 - All should come and be involved, invite friends & neighbors

Good of the Parish:

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

Many comments from people were shared

Next Meeting: October 5 at 8pm.

Closing Prayer:

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 with Fr. Mike giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Blevins, Secretary

John Breiten, Chairman