

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7th, 2017 @ 8:00 p.m.

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Gayle Hotchkiss, Deb Burns, Tim Kriegler, Rachel Braun, Sandy Blevins, Charity Mulenga
- b. **Guests:** Randy Gracyalny, Adam Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Rachel Shepherd, Rob Olson, Laura Warzecha
- c. **Absent:** Rosa Maria Laursen, Deb McCann, John Breiten

Opening Prayer

Led by Laura Warzecha

Approval of Agenda Gayle/Rachel approved

Approval of Minutes Gayle/Charity

Maintenance to Mission - Discussion

20 min

1. As disciples of Christ, what do you do outside the parish to live out the Gospel?
Open discussion, report from each commission regarding discussions
2. Is there something you are considering adding or stopping in the next year to more fully live as a missionary disciple?

Jan13/14 Bring to the parish to answer question and collate responses to show how discipleship is lived out among the community.

Commission Reports

All

30 min

As necessary - Please forward any minutes to the council whenever possible and report only items which require the council's input or action.

- Liturgy Commission
 - Will look at the program FORMED for possible use in connection with liturgy during Lent.
 - Bishop Morlino has asked that a petition be included against the forces of evil at each weekend Mass and that the petitions close with the St. Michael prayer. This will begin the weekend of December 30-31.
 - Rite of Exorcism revised. Only bishops can request this ritual for use by those authorized for this ministry in their dioceses.
- Education Commission
 - Faith Formation:**
 - Advent-ure Sunday 12/10: 1-5pm
 - Children's activity day (like VBS)

- “Santa store provided by PTO
- 35 participants & 17 helpers (Confirmation students & older attended)
- Frassati Fest is February 3rd and 8 students from OLA are attending. fundraising “stock sale” will be January 6th and 7th after the Masses
- FORMED-good resource for parish.
- First Communion Dates revised to include St. Stephen’s 1st communion date
 - OLA Retreat: Jan. 21: 11:30-3
 - OLA Dates: April 28 at 5pm; May 5 & 6 all 3 masses
 - St. Stephen/ Clinton Sun April 29: 9am Mass
- Middle School planning group to be organized by Adam to help plan events

School

- o Self-Study/Accreditation process update/things are going well. Trevor reported to Education Commission details about the visiting team expectations in 2018-19 school year.
- o Christmas program at 1 & 6pm on December 14th

Child Care

Dates and details of upcoming events can be found at www.olabeloit.com

- Family Christmas Party 12/11
- Baby Jesus Birthday Party 12/19
- Child Care Closed 12/25 and 12/26

**Added one high school (18- year old) assistant to staff, adding another this month

**Offered waitlist spots to round out days that were “lower in number”

**Parents beginning (just today) to contact me for enrollment for 3- year old and 4 -year old children for fall 2018 (they are planning to be in school and need after care). Have tour for a 3 -year old on Friday morning (not yet enrolled in school for fall)

Potential Current Child Care Students for 3K next year: 8

Potential Current Child Care Students for 4K next year: 12

**One new baby to begin December

**2-3 babies to begin Jan/Feb

Adult Faith Formation

- o 7 RCIA 1 catechumen/ 6candidates
Looking at beginning Men’s group on the 3rd Monday of the Month.
- Parish Life Commission
 - o Discussed ideas for additional use of the tent at the Parish Festival on Sunday. Tail gate event during Parish Festival is one that will be researched
 - o Discussed possibilities of providing care packages for college students and those in the military.
- Social Justice Commission
 - o Dave & Rita presented info on sister parish St. Joan of Arc
 - Looking at possible future visit from OLA parish members

- Discussed how we can remind the parish of our connection & why we have a sister parish.

Thanksgiving dinner went well:

- Extra food went to Domestic Violence, Salvation Army, People living under the bridge
- Immigration discussion and how to continue mission
- Dismas-to fundraise to buy Recovery Bibles to give at the jail
- Better communication needed with the cluster parishes, to parish secretaries in regard to programs and parish info
- 12/12-Guadalupe Mass & Fiesta is a communal celebration at OLA

- Stewardship Commission
 - Ann Joyce’s last meeting was today, after working with Stewardship for many years. She will now be working with the issue of Human Trafficking.
 - Time and Talent survey & offertory pledge was reviewed
- Finance Council
 - Reviewed investment portfolio
 - Investment policy & by-laws will be reviewed in January
 - Maintenance: Roofs have been inspected and repaired, stairway tread to Assumption hall will be replaced.
 - Financials are good, a little ahead of projections for this month
 - Technology committee assessment is in place for phase 2
 - Bill Flanagan is working with self-study committee for the school accreditation

New Business

- New Council Member
 - Tim Kriegler
 - Will be part of a Finance Commission
- Vice Chair Election
 - Sandy Blevins takes the place of resigning member, John Searles
Secretary
Rachel Braun takes the place of Sandy Blevins

On-Going Business

- Thanksgiving Meal Follow-up John 5 min.

Good of the Parish

All 5 min.

Closing Prayer

5 min.

Led by Fr. Mike

Next Meeting: Jan 4