

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 2, 2018 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

### Attendance:

- A. Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Deb Burns, Charity Mulenga, Amy Jacobson, Kathy Schmidt, George Riesselmann
- B. Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Rob Olson, Laura Warzecha, Mary Kate Van Wagner
- C. Excused: Tim Kriegler, Casey Christofferson, Nicole Ferrera

### Opening Prayer:

Fr. Mike

### Election of Officers:

Chair: John Breiten

Vice Chair: Gayle Hotchkiss

Secretary: George Riesselmann

### Approval of Agenda:

Approve: Gayle /Second: Amy

### Approval of Minutes:

Approve: Gayle /Second: Amy

### Maintenance to Mission:

Next Parish Mission scheduled for Nov. 11 – 14.

Different presenter each of the 4 nights. Format: Presentation/Questions/Fellowship

### Introductions:

Mary Kate Van Wagner – new Youth Minister for OLA parish. Welcome MK !

### Commission Reports:

#### Liturgy Commission:

Parish Feast Day Aug-15<sup>th</sup>. Choir practice at 6:00 PM. There will be a recognition of volunteers. Ice Cream Social after 7:00 PM Mass.

#### Pastoral Care Commission:

- Developing a formal medical emergency plan for church
- Parish is in need for another wheelchair. Looking for someone to donate.
- Evaluate Crisis Kit for church
- Met new Salvation Army Representative /discussed GODS Fund guidelines.

### **Education Commission:**

- **Child Care**
  - Staff additions planned
  - Holiday Schedule and School Dates noted.
  - minutes (See page 4)
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- **Faith Formation**
  - New Youth Minister; Mary Kay Van Wagner started August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Catechists & Volunteers Needed
  - Calendars for upcoming year are being developed.
  - minutes (See page 5)
- **School:**
  - Trevor stated there are open positions for a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and a Math/Science Teacher.
  - New security measures in place for upcoming school year.

### **Parish Life & Stewardship Commission (Joint):**

- Tents and other items for Parish Festival being finalized.
- Working on plan for TV's in Fellowship Tent
- Breakfast will not be served after the 10:30 Mass, but the tent will be open.
- Need to plan children's activities.
- Need volunteer to plan and coordinate children's activities.

### **Social Justice**

No formal report. Investigating possible evening sessions with various topics, i.e. Immigration.

Family Promise: 3 families with 8 children will be hosted here at OLA the week of Aug 5.

### **Finance Commission:**

- Discussed submitting the Year End Report in September.
  - Will include new tax law information
    - Setup parishioner session with Edwards Jones' Bryan Theis
    - Stress "It's not about deductions, but the responsibility of gifting."

### **Summer Campus Projects**

- Back parking lot and south drive repaved and lined
- Gym roof leaks fixed and completed.
- Security cameras and door locks will be completed soon on the campus
- Childcare new roof and painting of the trim begins the week of August 13th
- Gym floor maintenance scheduled Aug-15<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

- List new council members and assignments in Vox Populi.
  
- **Commission Assignments:**
- Pastoral Care: Charity
- Liturgy: Amy
- Education: Nicole
- Parish Life/Stewardship: Gayle, John, George
- Social Justice: Kathy, Deb
- Finance: Casey, Tim
- Pastoral Council Information table after Mass Aug-11th & 12<sup>th</sup>. Table Volunteers:
  - 5:00 PM: Deb Burns
  - 8:00 AM: Kathy Schmidt
  - 10:30 PM: Charity

**On-Going Business:**

- Question was raised about the lack of AC in school class rooms. More fans will be added. AC installation and operating costs are high. Chapel/Music Room and Church basement can be used as necessary since those rooms are air conditioned.

**Good of the Parish:**

- Deb Burns' mother Maxine Burns likes the new card ministry which sends out cards to the elderly of the parish
- Laura feels better about the new lock door policy / stating latecomers felt welcomed when hospitality ministers opened the doors to let them in.
- Thanks were expressed for the doctors and nurses who assisted with the recent medical emergencies at weekend Mass.

**Closing Prayer:**

- Laura

**Next Meeting:**

- September 6, 2018

EDUCATION COMMISSION  
CHILD CARE REPORT 8/2/2018

News from child care summer:

- Field trip Highlights:
  - Children's Museum (Madison)
  - Eugster's Farm Market (Stoughton)
  - City Pool (Beloit)
  - Snappers Game (Beloit)
  - Dollar Tree/Culver's (Beloit)
  - Domenico's (Beloit)
  - We had a great summer and will still have school district kids here until their start date Sept 4
- **Teacher Changes and adjustments:**
  - We currently have 11 people on staff – plan on adding (if anyone knows anyone great contact me!)
  - One staff member retired this summer (Ms. Ruthann)
  - Over half of our staff (including myself) are enrolled in courses to complete higher education degrees so we are doing our best to maintain a consistency by sharing the load with one another
- **Child Changes and adjustments:**
  - Holding strong at a consistent 67-70 kids enrolled at one time.
  - We expect summer kids to be back August 20 week (which makes for an interesting week—schedules, numbers, etc.)
  - Have new children starting this fall and will add more as space allows in preschool age group
  - Trying to encourage use of afterschool care at OLA School for some of our older kids especially...I will plan a rate for kids coming only on early release dates and breaks from school

Week of August 20: School Activities Begin! Please pray for us all on campus this week especially!

Upcoming Dates:

Child Care Closed August 9/10 Staff days (Carpets Cleaned)

Dirty Dash August 18: Sign up to volunteer!

September 3 Labor Day (Daycare Closed)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!

**Education Commission**  
**Faith Formation Report 8/2/2018**

1. Introduce: Mary Kate Van Wagner, new youth minister  
Amanda Bennett, new FF representative, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr Catechist 2 children in FF
2. Updates:
  - a. Men's Faith sharing Group, continued good participation. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays
  - b. Bible study/ FORMED/ RCIA continue; schedules being tweaked
  - c. LBH summer youth mission
  - d. VBS week: June *Discovering Jesus around the World: We are Missionary Disciples.*  
66 kids, 15 middle & HS helpers
3. Baptism guidelines: Parents need to attend Prep class one time. Beginning in Sept, Baptisms will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month rather than any possible time as it stands now.
4. Rita & Dave Bonds initiated the idea for a "Teddy bear project" to benefit Rock Co Sheriff & Beloit police supplying "comfort bears" for young children in law enforcement episodes. Project will be a joint Advent project for school & FF.
5. Faith Formation Calendars: Wed 6:15-7:30 (attached, will note few brief highlights)  
Sunday Middle school & H.S. & Confirmation schedule TBD  
RCIA and Adult Enrichment TBD  
Service Project Calendar TBD

FYI: Wed 8/15: Parish Feast Day 8:15 AM & 7PM Masses (Social after!)  
8/18-19 Sister Parish "St. Joan of Arc" Plymouth S.C. Weekend  
8/30 "Come & See" RCIA inquiry 6:30PM  
CATECHISTS & OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!