

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 7, 2019 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Dennis Ezdon, Nichole Ferrera, Lori Sennett, Amy Jacobson, Debbie Leach

Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Father Mike, Laura Warzecha, Cassandra Letcher, Marianne Giovingo, Charity Mulenga

Excused: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Roger Kemman, George Riesselmann, Kathy Schmidt, Sela Mejia, Deb Burns

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Mike

Sunday Gospel reading and faith sharing

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

Approval of Minutes:

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Maintenance to Mission:

-Looking to reinvigorate the process once again with Staff

-Bishop Hying has a 5 year plan beginning in 2020 to start evangelizing in the Diocese

- To go preach/live the gospel

Staff Changes:

-Marianne Giovingo: New Faith Formation director

- Introductions

Commission Reports:

Education Commission:

School:

- End of 1st Trimester

- November 15th
- New report cards with new FACTS Student Info System

-Bishop Hying visit

- Visited OLA on 10/31
- Very impressed with Parish, School, and Child Care
- Over all a very good visit

-School and Child Care Marketer

- Hired Chris Aderhold
 - Chris worked at Camp Gray for 9 years
 - Will be on campus 1-2 times a week
 - He will be telling OLA's story to the Beloit community with social media, newspaper and videos etc

-Wreath sales were up this year

- 2019-2020 Total sales \$14,760
 - School Profit- \$6,286.10
- Wreath pick up will be the week of 11/25

-Trunk n Treat was cancelled due to Mr. Olsen's funeral

- PTO and Faith Formation will partner for an event in place of this

- Holiday lighted Parade

- OLA will have a float again this year

Child Care:

-Updated security, Ipads in all the classrooms so every teacher can see who is at the door

-Baby Jesus birthday party is December 18th in Assumption Hall

- Childcare-2nd grade

-Construction of the drop off area in front of Child Care is finished and working well.

-Still in need of a few more full time staff

Faith Formation:

-Sacramental Prep (RCIC) for (8-10)students being prepared for sacraments they missed

-Adventure Sunday 12/8 1-4 PM

- Partnering with PTO

-Sacrament of First Reconciliation 12/14, 11-12pm

-Advent Adult FF (Lectio/Character/Themes)

- 4 Tuesdays starting on 11/26, 8:45-9:45am and 5:30-6:30pm

-RCIA Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming 12/1 at 10:30 Mass

Youth Ministry:

-12/14 or 12/21 Planning a middle school Christmas party with FF and OLA School

-22 Confirmation students attending Camp Gray for Confirmation retreat on November 16-17

-Looking for service hours at OLA for the Confirmation students

-Frassati Fest 1/31-2/2 in Wisconsin Dells, sign up coming soon.

Pastoral Care:

-Homebound: Currently have 44 on the list

-Healthcare Facilities: 34 people on the list

- Overlapping homebound ministries with Respite ministries

-Respite Ministry: Working on a brochure

-Blood Pressure Screeners: 100 people were served this year

-Grief Ministry

- 9 people with 3 co-leaders
- Program has 4 seasons with 6 sessions per season

Liturgy Commission:

-Christmas Eve Mass, 5:00pm and 10:30pm

-Christmas Day Mass, 9:00am (**NO 10:30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**)

-October count down by 8% of people attending Mass on the weekend

-Giving Trees will go up on November 23rd

Social Justice:

- Will be included on the parish website by January
 - Will feature our outreach committees and current social justice issues
- Insert will go in the bulletin introducing our advocacy letter series
 - Will highlight social justice issues being addressed by the USCCB
 - First topic is environment
 - State ways to contact our legislature in Wisconsin and Illinois
- Thanksgiving Dinner is cancelled this year
 - Thank you to all who helped in the past

Finance Council:

- October count shows a 3 year downward slope in people attending weekend Masses
- envelope giving is \$20,000 down for the first 4 months of fiscal year
- Childcare for the first 4 months of the fiscal year is operating in the black
- Payroll and insurance inline with budget

Ongoing Business:

- Cluster Parish follow up
 - Cluster picnic; 500 people attended
 - Very positive experience, good music and food
 - More help with set-up, take down and serving food
 - July 19th, 2020 is a tentative date for next years picnic
 - Evangelization presentation was done by Fr. Drew Olson
 - 45 minutes on what evangelization means in the parish

Good of the Parish:

- Day of the Dead display received lots of positive feedback
- Mass with Bishop Hying was very special for the students and the parish
- Rob's funeral
 - Great experience for Rob's family and friends
 - Was a celebration of Rob's Life
 - There is more than enough help looking after MJ

Closing Prayer:**Next Meeting:**

- December 5, 2019, 8:00 PM