

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Roger Kemman, George Riesselmann, Lori Sennett, Kathy Schmidt, Charity Mulenga, Debbie Leach

Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Father Mike, Laura Warzecha, Cassandra Letcher

Excused: Sela Mejia, Marianne Giovingo , Nichole Ferrera, Amy Jacobson, Deb Burns

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Mike

Gospel Reading / Reflection & Discussion: MT 5:13-16

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

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Maintenance to Mission:

- Bishop Hying has proposed a major evangelization initiative for 75th Anniversary of Madison Diocese
 - o Each Parish to develop a plan based on local needs
 - o Proposed Calendar
 - February-June 2020: Formation & Education of priests, deacons, staff, religious and lay leadership
 - Summer/Fall 2020: Diocesan-wide Prayer Campaign
 - Winter/Spring 2021: Implement Parish Formation/Planning
 - Pentecost 2021: Diocesan Mass to formally launch initiative
 - Summer/Fall 2021: Implement initiative at local level
- New Parish Digital Sign
 - o Studied & Researched since 2018
 - Opportunity to evangelize and attract new visitors/members
 - Promote Parish services: Worship Times, School, Day Care, Faith Formation
 - Promote activities, Fundraisers, outreach ministries & Fish Fry's
 - o Paid for with memorial gifts and profits from restricted investment fund
 - City of Beloit has been notified for permits

- The Finance & Pastoral council approved of the plan and expenditure
- Discussion & brainstorming was held on Missionary Discipleship and what that could look like at OLA.

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- Lenten Focus will be “Embrace the Fullness of God”.
- Subcommittee to plan regular Parish missions in the future

Pastoral Care Commission

- Fr. Mike heard Confessions at Beloit Senior Living
- **Respite:** 77.25 Hours were volunteered this past month
- **Seasons of Hope:** (Grief Support) 2 new members joined for Season 2. All from season 1 returned
- **Greeting Card:** Time & Talent new /volunteers contacted. List updated. 8 new Greeting Card volunteers

Education Commission:

School:

- Open House/Catholic Schools Week
 - Gave out 29 Enrollment Packets. Two enrollments at Open House.
- Tuition
 - 2020 increases of \$50 for Registration and Tuition
 - New/Current families can lock in 2019 rate if enrolled by Mar-1.

Faith Formation:

- Totus Tuus (*Totally Yours*) to replace Vocation Bible School June 14th 19th
 - Grades 1–6 / 9 AM-3 PM, Monday-Friday
 - Grades 7-12 / 7-9 PM, Sunday-Thursday
- Lenten Adult Faith Formation “Encounter Jesus Through the Saints”
 - 5 Saints each week. Monday 12:30 PM, Tuesdays 5:30 PM
- RCIA
 - March 1st 10:30 Mass (Rite of Election) kicks off final weeks of preparation for candidates and sponsors.
- Religious Education classes with attend Ash Wednesday Mass
- Love Begins Here
 - Registrations are filling up

Child Care:

- Brightwheel information/communication system implemented
 - Parents and teachers can communicate throughout the day
- Staff completed CPR (Adult & Pediatrics), AED and First Aid Training
- Doves have begun “The Jesus Story Book Bible” read daily by Ms Cassie

School Spring Fling (April 4, 2020 at La Casa Grande)

- 65th Anniversary Theme
- \$10 per student donation for Spring Fling Baskets due February 19th
- Sponsor letters sent.
- Articles will be in Catholic Herald, Beloit Daily News & Vox Populi
- Discounted tickets for OLA families available

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Discussed expanded use of One Cause for Wreath sales, credit cards for Fish Fry
- Discussed ways for recruitment when people are needed for different activities or ministries

Social Justice:

- "Pro Life" Take Action letter coming in Bulletin
- Considering Housing & Homelessness Panel based on Rockford's success

Finance Commission (Roger Kemman):

- Cash Balance 1/31: \$98K
- Investment Balance Fiscal YTD:
- 386 pledges were received for 2020. Pledges total down \$25,796 from 2019
- Department budgets and expenses mostly in-line.
- Child Care fiscal YTD profit of \$2.7K
- School Tuition collected above budget

New Business:

- New Digital Sign discussion
- Roger presented new Marketing & Development Director staff position
 - o Responsible for OLA Parish and School
 - o Job description/requirements written
 - Promote Parish & School and all parish ministries and activities
 - o Will publish the position in March
 - o Money allocated from education endowment investment earnings
 - o Received Pastoral Council approval of plan and expenditure

Good of the Parish

- Beloit Senior Living confession participants very appreciative.
- Brightwheel has proved to be a great communication tool for Day Care.

Closing Prayer:

Next Meeting: March 5th at 7:30