

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.
Assumption Hall

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, George Riesselmann, Lori Sennett, Kathy Schmidt, Charity Mulenga, John Breiten, Nichole Ferrera, Deb Burns, Roger Kemman

Staff: Father Mike, Laura Warzecha, Randy Gracyalny, Cassandra Letcher, Trevor Seivert, Marianne Giovingo, Sela Mejia

Excused: Amy Jacobson, Debbie Leach

Opening Prayer:

- Fr. Mike

Gospel Reading

- Sela: Matthew 18:15-16 and discussion

Evangelization: Kathy Schmidt presented pp5-7 from “Go Make Disciples: A common Vision for Evangelization.” Laura Warzecha presented the August Newsletter “Baptism & Confirmation.”

Council Discussion Questions: What one personal spiritual practice could you improve or add to further your walk with the Lord? What gaps do we, or our parishioners and families have in our knowledge and practice of sacraments? How can we begin to effectively fill those gaps?

Approval of Minutes:

- General approval by voice

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

- General approval by voice

Commission Reports

Education Commission

- Faith Formation
 - As of Friday Aug. 29th, have 70 registered for Grades 1-10 (Begins September 9th /13th)
 - 15 of those are virtual
 - Policy and necessary agreement forms are posted on our website and have been sent to the families: will be kept to ensure we are all on the same page
 - Adult Faith Formation continues to meet over zoom for small group—gift of community
 - **Brainstorm desires of the Parish for how to grow in relationship with God (please bring ideas to share with me)**
 - Participating in FORMED training to learn about updates
 - **Always in need of help from parishioners and parents, now more than ever with new policy!**
 - Anyone you know, you yourself: contact Marianne at mgiovingo@olabeloit.com
 - In communication with an RCIA candidate from St. Stephens (Begins September 13th)—Have 3 others ‘registered’
 - **Always open to how to continue to bridge the Cluster Parishes**
- Youth Ministry

- **Edge for 6-8 RE** - New program that we are using. We will have virtual and in person options at the time, but are prepared for full virtual teaching in case we are moved to that 100%.
- Retreats this year (Frassati and LBH) as well as Camp Gray visitations will look different, but the diocese is working on the details and a plan for offering our youth some alternatives.
- **School**
 - School started, so far, so good!
 - Enrollment: 156 students enrolled
 - 11 Students who left due to fears of COVID because of underlying medical condition in the family will re-enroll if we go e-learning in the future
 - Updated Staff Positions
 - PE & PM Ext. Care
 - New Procedures Discussion
 - How's it going?
 - Arrival/Dismissal
 - Temp Checks?
 - Chromebook Update
 - All students have CBs
 - Special Thanks to St. Peter's for giving us there CBs
 - 96 New CBS coming in mid-Sept
 - Put us on a rotation schedule for new CBs
 - Keep CBs in good condition
 - Save remaining CBs for backups/home use as needed
 - Upcoming School Dates:
 - 9/7--No School, Labor Day
 - 9/25--No School, Diocese Teacher Zoom Institute
 - 9/26-9/27--Parish Fall Festival, Online Auction
- **Child Care**
 - Youngstar: Our training and collaboration with Youngstar continues.
 - Searching for the right employee to add to our team
 - Enrollment has been constantly changing, yet rising.

Liturgical Commission Meeting Tuesday in the Gathering Space

- Attendance at Mass has increased by @ 20 at each Mass
- Thanks to Pat Casucci for the nice article she did for the newsletter on the cluster recorded Mass.
- Viewed and discussed another talk from Pastoral Music Convention on Evangelizing the Unaffiliated
- Had a Spirit-filled celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday with Bishop Hying.

Pastoral Care Commission

- NEW: Beloit Hospital inpatients may have ONE and only the same visitor multiple times throughout their stay! No change in policy for ministers. End-of-life patient policy is case-by-case.
- We received 20+ call-in prayer requests including 2 positive COVID19 cases.
- Seasons of Hope begins a second year on a new day of the week: Tuesdays. Zoom format, same time beginning at 6:00pm and lasting about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Letters of invitation and

brochures will go out this month to recently bereaved families. New season dates: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3 and 10.

Social Justice Commission

- Respect Life meets Sept 9 at 10am to discuss October RL month collection for Willow Women's Center. We will have a drive, probably without baby bottles for collecting funds due to increase in chance of spread of COVID19.
- Family Promise annual golf fundraiser was held Aug 28th. We continue to serve 3 families in area motel. All are receiving intense case mgmt.
- Caritas needs baby wipes and toilet tissue. Looking into store walk thru by appointment only, in addition to drive-thru pick-up. Woodman's and Skelley's continue to help with donations.
- GODS Fund Advisory Committee meets Sept 16th
- Stateline Mission Outreach (Cluster-wide project to establish a day center in the Beloit area for those without permanent housing) met August 26th at St Thomas and will begin more concrete plans after meeting with Catholic Charities.
- St. Joan of Arc collection October 10/11

Parish Life and Stewardship Commission Meeting Thursday, outside or in the O'Hara Room.

- Drive thru fish fry looks like it will take place beginning Oct. 2.
- We will not do a Time and Talent sign-up this year because of the pandemic.
- Auction and Raffle are proceeding. Will be more actively requesting specific help in the next couple of weeks.

Finance (Roger Kemman)

- Collections nearly equal to 2019
- Gym roof needs replacement. \$60K approved from capitol improvement budget
- Interviews are being held to fill the maintenance position at OLA.

New Business

- Confirmation Video posted on OLA website,
- COVID Mass dispensation to end September 27, 2020 more info forth coming

On-Going Business Pastoral Council Membership

- Instead of new elections for the pastoral council. Because of COVID, Fr. Mike and Council thought it best to keep current members in place until this coming spring of 2021. John Breiten will check with council members who were absent.

Good of the Parish

- Sela: Covid Wellness phone calls made by staff during the pandemic led to former parishioner returning to OLA from Rockford.
- Marianne: Chance meeting at coffee shop lead to fallen away parishioner returning.
- Laura: Stateline Mission Outreach created for Homeless care is in process. OLA parishioners are involved.

Next Meeting: October 1 at 7:30 PM

Closing Prayer