

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, George Riesselmann, Lori Sennett, Charity Mulenga, John Breiten, Debbie Leach, Nichole Ferrera, Deb Burns, Roger Kemman, Amy Jacobson

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

Excused: Kathy Schmidt

Opening Prayer

Evangelization

Discussed the Evangelization December Newsletter: Confession

Agenda approved

December Meeting Minutes approved

Notes for Commission Reports

- **Pastoral Care**
 - Much grief ministry, sickness, poverty, and prayer and many funerals.
- **Liturgy Commission**
 - Had more Masses than needed for Christmas but pleased with how the Season went.
 - Wonderful response to the Giving Tree
 - Planning for Lent which begins on Wed., Feb. 17
 - It appears that ashes will be sprinkled on heads this year. Randy will do some catechesis on that in the bulletin.
 - Thank you to all those who helped with Christmas decoration take down.
- **Education Commission**
 - Faith Formation
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation—January 23rd
 - First Holy Communion Formation Day—February 14th
 - Tentative Sacrament Day is weekend of May 1st
 - Preparing for Totus Tuus this summer (unofficially June 13th-18th)
 - More information to come out; Please volunteer if you are interested!
 - For Grades 1-12
 - Lent Adult Faith Formation: Planning to have Adult Faith Formation during Lent on Saturday mornings. More info to come.
 - Possible Book Study
 - Lent Lectio/Bible Study
 - Small Group Formation
 - RCIA
 - Rite of Welcome—January 24th at 10:30am Mass at OLA
 - Rite of Election—February 21st at 2pm in Waunakee
 - Please pray for them!

- o Youth Ministry
 - Frassati Fest –
 - held at OLA on Feb 7 @ 11:30 –
 - All high school students are invited to attend
 - we have 17 open spots for non-faith formation kids
 - Love Begins Here –
 - We will not be participating in LBH as a parish group this summer.
 - LBH is still open to anyone who decides to attend on their own (as lost sheep) This means that they will be responsible for transportation and communicating with the diocese on which location they will be at.
 - To register as a lost sheep, you register as normal on the Diocese website under the lost sheep option.
 - We will be holding our own service retreat during the summer at OLA during the days in late June and early July for our middle school and high school students. It will look similar to the LBH we held on campus last summer.
- o School
 - COVID Vaccine Info:
 - Educators now considered Tier 1B and can receive next round of vaccine. Possibly as early as late Jan/Feb.
 - Children still need to be researched about side effects
 - Catholic Schools Week:
 - School is gearing up for CSW and what activities we can/can't do with COVID
 - Kick-off Mass on 1/30 & 1/31, asking parents to sign up so as not to go over 150 people
 - Digital Open House
 - Child Care & School Marketer: Leann Nelson
 - Marketing background includes working in schools, real estate & restaurants. Including social media, digital advertisements/printing & digital creations.
 - Enrollment & Tuition
 - School is gearing up for enrollment & tuition for 2021-22SY
 - 2 of 11 former students who left due to COVID have returned this week.
 - o Sent out personalized letters to these families reminding them about enrollment.
 - Two tours were scheduled last week
 - Additional two new families have already applied for next year
 - 11 New families inquiring about enrollment due to the Beloit School District's decision to remain virtual.
- o Child Care
 - "Finishing" up with Youngstar this month; until they are able to return to in person observations.
 - We will be spending \$1000 (our Youngstar Micro grant) on items to help reach our Quality Improvement Plans.
 - Three new part time staff were hired to expand learning opportunities. New staff have been hired to assist in working through our quality care plans, staff (student) schedules, and realigning program staff
 - Offering OLA School children Holiday dates. Flyer available.
 - No registration fee
 - \$39 drop-in rate

- **Parish Life/Stewardship Commission**

- Fish Fries resume Feb. 5 and every Friday during Lent beginning Feb. 19.
 - All will be drive-thru

- **Social Justice Commission**

- Caritas: There is an opening for a Director at Large for the 20-21 term on the Executive Board. End-of-Year donations and grants: \$51,000 from mailing campaign, Ecolab pledged \$5,000, Campbell's \$18,000 and Morse Group has donated 10% of our operating budget in 2020. 365 Holiday Dinners and 200 food boxes donated by Alliant Energy were distributed this Christmas Season. Plans to transition from drive-through to safe in-person shopping are underway.
- GODS Fund: Year-end account balance = \$14,727.11, which leaves \$9727.11 available for crisis ministry and \$5000.00 in the account for launching small loan program in 2021. We meet January 20th.
- Family Promise: We continue to serve individuals and families in Beloit facing homelessness with diversion and rental assistance to prevent eviction and stabilization program ensuring families don't re-enter homelessness. Funding is secured for emergency shelter for the next 12 months for 3 families at a time in motels.
- Respect Life: We begin our 2021 Spiritual Adoption program a bit differently this Weekend. Parishioners will pick up the prayer and pledge card as they leave mass, can fill out the pledge card with their baby's name at home and return the next weekend. The baby's names will be posted on the Spiritual Adoption board later.

After 20+ years of faithful service as coordinator of the Respect Life Committee at OLA, Lynne Duehr and husband Jim are moving to Delafield to be closer to daughter, son-in-law and baby grandson who is due in May. Lynne expressed her parting thoughts: "Serving on Social Justice and Respect Life Committee especially has been very rewarding and I plan to continue in our next parish. We are blessed at OLA to have strong, dedicated and generous parishioners!" THANK YOU, LYNNE!

- January is Anti-trafficking month
- February 8th Special Day of Prayer for Anti Trafficking

- **Finance Council**

- School Update (Trevor)
- Tuition Assistance Program was discussed
- Maintenance Update
 - Assumption Hall exhaust fan and gym roof projects are complete
 - Capital Budget planning has begun
- Financial Reports
 - Parish expenses are in line. Offerings down from last year.
- PPP loan forgiveness papers about to be submitted
- Offertory Pledges for 2021 are 352 at this time and amount pledged was down 14% from last year.

New Business No new business

On-Going Business

Good of the Parish : Faith Formation right after Sunday Mass has increased Mass attendance.
Thanks to the Gracyalny Family for singing during Christmas season.
Funeral Masses were well planned and showed love and concern for families.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2021

Closing Prayer