

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

September 20, 2017



Pastoral Council in Attendance: Lucy Birschbach, Nancie Chmielewski, Jackie Dombrowski, David Hansen, Sherrie Jacomet, Mary Beth Javorek, Brad Julga, Roger Julga, Candy Krepel, Pat McKay, Brian Neal, Phil Pares, Judeen Schulte, Cathie Slater, Chuck Thimmesch

Not Present: Brian Neal

Guests: Joe Kallenberger, Parish Administrator; Jerry Beine, Chair, Finance Council

Prayer: Nancie Chmielewski, Sherrie Jacomet, Pat McKay and Judeen Schulte led the prayer and commissioning of members for the 2017-18 Church year.

Financial Statement and Annual Summary: Joe Kallenberger explained the Confidential reporting process that is done each year and presented to the Archdiocese. He said he must organize all the departments and operations of the parish and present the report in September to Archbishop ListECKi. He said there is a possibility that some changes may occur that will impact the upcoming budget.

Kallenberger reviewed the different sheets he deals with such as the Income and Expenses and the Restricted accounts. He also reviewed the planned budget for 2017-18. He said that some of the staffing changes for this year has enabled the parish to not charge the retreat fees for the teens. (Given the financial results of the festival, this is no longer possible. Fees will be charged for youth retreats.) The Finance Council hopes to identify other revenue sources so that additional services would not need to be charged to parish members. The parish is also trying not to rely on fund raisers (e.g., Oktoberfest, the Summer Festival) as part of the operational budget, even though we do use the funds.

Council members asked about different aspects of the budget. By the conclusion of the session, all agreed that the budget reflects the mission of the parish and our priorities. All agreed that it was very valuable to meet with reps from the Finance Council and agreed to continue this practice.

Parish Life Committee: Lucy Birschbach, Anita Kowalski, Judeen Schulte, and Nancie Chmielewski met to discuss establishing a Parish Life Committee. This Committee would be a source of support for groups that do not have a direct link to the Council. The Pastoral Council Manual calls the Parish Life Committee "Stewardship. However, we agreed to renamed to reflect what Stewardship stands for - the sharing of time and talent to connect with our neighbors. We decided to name the Community-Building Committee. Brad Julga motioned the acceptance of the name and Dave Hansen seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Given the discussion about additional activities that could relate to community-building, Judeen Schulte said that the commission of this Committee will be

developed as there are other needs the Committee can meet as we determine how to pursue and enhance our parish's Community-building efforts. We will discuss this at future meetings. Lucy Birschbach has agreed to continue to be the link for those groups without a link to the Pastoral Council at this time.

Finance Council: Chuck Thimmesch said that replacement of the windows on the East side will begin in late September and the process will be done by November. The West side will be done in Spring of 2018

Parish Director's Report: Nancie Chmielewski said the staff is attempting to do joint projects with St Greg's. One was a retreat planned for September 19th but due to some health issues, the staffs did not meet. Since it was National Talk Like a Pirate Day (September 19th), OLOL staff held a "Pirate Retreat" that focused on our treasures. Part of the day included brainstorming ideas to keep the parish fresh. Some of the members of the Council felt that it would be good to incorporate brainstorming about various ideas into the Pastoral Council meetings.

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The weekend of Oktoberfest, the Ecumenical Group will be putting together Chocolate Bars for the Military.

Formation: Dave Hansen said there was no report at this time.

Discipleship Institute: Cathie Slater reported that Parish Ambassador training was Saturday, September 16. Fall programs have been decided and are going full force. About 30 people signed up for the Gospel of Mark.

Social Justice: Pat McKay said that the St. Vincent De Paul Society supports a lobbying group called Voices of the Poor. This group is the legislative branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; it lobbies in Madison and Washington, D.C. around social justice issues. Dave Busch, the Voice of the Poor (VoP) Committee Chair, Milwaukee Archdiocese, spoke at the September 14 Social Justice Committee meeting. Busch said that former District Attorney E. Michael McCaan is a**n active member of VoP.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2017

Prayer for next meeting: Pat McKay

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Javorek