

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**



April 19, 2023

6:00-7:30pm

Pastoral Council Participants: Nancie Chmielewski, Mary Alston, Paula Dahlman, Jackie Dombrowski, Anita Eikens, Dave Hansen, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay Tom McKean, Rebecca Porter, Wrenly Porter, Judeen Schulte, Nancy Short, Lorie Skeff, Donna Van Wynsberghe. Excused: Jenny Keats. Guests: Maryrose Wolf and Jerry Beine (Finance Council).

Opening Prayer: Lorie Skeff read a beautiful reflection on nature in keeping with the upcoming Earth Day.

Updates and Current Topics:

- **Budget 2023-2024:** Maryrose presented the longer version of the budget for 2023-2024, highlighting the important points for *Income* and *Expenses*.
Income: Income allows for a much deserved 3% raise for staff. (There is an anticipated increase in Income from Offertory Contributions, ahead of this year's budget, based on an increase in pledges and current levels of giving.) Also the autism classroom rental has increased from \$3,000 to \$12,000 and going up to \$15,000.
Expenses: Major expense increases for 2023-2024 are: 3% staff salary increase, 8% increase in health insurance and 7% increase in dental insurance, 30% increase in Property and Liability Insurance, music expenses for Photoshop, etc. Laptop rotations (every four years) and new copier will be covered by reserves or surplus. There will also be a shift in Youth and Child Retreat expenses into GIFT to decrease the retreat costs from \$3,500 to \$2,000. Nancie's "position" salary for the next Parish Director will be set by the Archdiocese, and "help outs" are already in the budget.

The *Love One Another* distribution of funds in February, 2023 (\$77,000) will be used for the new soundboard and 2 new projectors in church. The new video camera will come from a \$4,000 grant from the Knights of Columbus. The next quarterly LOA payment will be in May, 2023.

- **Parish Transition:** Maryrose and Jackie reported that the reception for Nancie would be held after all the liturgies on June 17-18, 2023, Nancie's last weekend as Parish Director. Three to four members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils will be needed for each liturgy to help with the set up and the reception. It is hoped that the new "leader" for OLOL will be announced early in May.
- **Pastoral Council Transition:** Judeen announced that she will be stepping down as Chair of the Pastoral Council and Donna Van Wynsberghe will be assuming the role of Chair. Judeen will continue on the Council as Secretary. The May meeting will be chaired by Judeen, the June meeting will be co-chaired by Judeen and Donna, no meeting in July, and Donna will begin as Chair in August.
- **Follow up on Goal Setting:** There was further discussion on the "Volunteer Board" with an "online" individual identified but an individual for the actual board, a "WHO" needs to

be identified to make the Board a reality. All are asked to give serious consideration to this before the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Building Committees:**

Community Engagement: Paula Dahlman is moving forward with ways to show pictures of new families. A discussion followed about ways to give advanced notification to the parishioners re: Community Sundays. Denise Haussy presented the concept of bags for the “little ones” attending liturgies, things to keep them “busy”.

Community Network: Donna Van Wynsberghe reported on Octoberfest working on improving the traffic flow for the 50/50 and basket raffles. Human Concerns has set the date for the Hunger Task Force farm day – Monday, June 26th, 2023 from 8:30am to 11:30am. Details are being worked out. Human Concerns is also planning a summer collection but no specifics yet. The Lazarus Committee put forth a beautiful community reception following the Holy Saturday Night Liturgy.

Discipleship Institute: Lori Skeff announced that the Discipleship Institute is working on “who will do what” since Anita Kawolwski will be resigning in May.

Social Justice: Pat McKay stated that the movie, *The Letter*, will be shown Monday, April 24th from 6:30pm to 8pm re: climate change, in association with Earth Day. The Summer Meal Program at All Saints is ready for signing up. Go to their website and scroll to the bottom to sign up for the first dates: June 20th and 22nd, 4pm to 6:30pm. There also followed a discussion for ways to identify and celebrate “Good works of unsung disciples”.

Liturgy Committee: Nancy Short said the committee is planning Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

Formation: Jackie Dombrowski reported that the GIFT year is coming to an end with the last session on Saints on April 23rd. Five children were baptized on April 16th and 5 children will receive First Eucharist on April 30th. Confirmation will be grouped with St. Mathias, St. Greg’s and OLOL this year.

Marketing and Communication: Placing the microphone in the center of the tables for Zoom meetings improves the audio for the Zoom group.

Nancie stated that Ralph Stewart and the OLOL community are helping a Haitian citizen become a US citizen.

Summary:

1. Reviewed the 2023-2024 budget
2. Report on Parish Transition
3. Report on Pastoral Council Transition
4. Review of Volunteer Board
5. Presentation of Committee Reports
6. Discussion re: “Good Works of Unsung Disciples”.

2023 Meetings: May 17, 2023 and June 21, 2023, Room 3, 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Van Wynsberghe, Secretary

