

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



May 17th, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 pm

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

Opening Prayer: Anita Eikens gave a moving prayer from Pope Francis to open the meeting.

Nancie Appreciation: The meeting began with a pizza party in honor of this being Nancie's last Pastoral Council meeting as Parish Director. The Pastoral Council members shared deeply heartfelt feelings of appreciation and respect for Nancie's leadership of OLOL and the Pastoral Council over the past years.

Updates and Current Topics:

- **Parish Transition:** Jackie Dombrowski summarized the June 17/18 Celebration for Nancie's farewell. Sign-up sheets were passed around for work times and for bringing treats.
- **Follow up on Goal Setting; Volunteer Board** – The "Volunteer Board" purpose, content and users/volunteers was discussed. Wrenly and Emerson and Rebecca Porter will work on a mock-up of the physical part of a board that lists committees that need help, when and where and why and how to contact the appropriate people. More discussion to follow....

Committee Reports:

- **Community Engagement:** Nothing new to report
- **Unsung Disciples:** Donna Van Wynsberghe:
 1. *Human Concerns* – Remember that Monday, June 26th, will be Lourdes Day at the Hunger Task Force Farm (8:30-11:30am). Sign up by June 19th. A minimum of 10 members is needed. April disbursements of \$350 each have been made to numerous organizations.
 2. *Lazarus Committee* has an addition to their name and will be known as Lazarus Bereavement Committee. This will better identify their function.
 3. *Octoberfest:* Planning continues with the food menus discussed at their May meeting.
- **Discipleship Institute:** Lorie Skeff: "The Chosen", a movie drama about the life of Jesus Christ, will be shown for 8 Thursdays after Labor Day along with a discussion following each series. Building Bridges topics will be on transgender issues this year. There is some reorganization of the Community Garden underway.

- **Finance Council:** Rebecca Porter: The Finance Report will be presented to the parish after all masses on the weekend of May 20/21, 2023.
- **Social Justice:** Pat McKay: The Social Justice website has been updated. Please look at the "new view". The description of the Social Justice Committee in the OLOL Guidebook and Directory is also being updated. Also be sure to sign up for the All Saints summer meal program. A reminder for the signup dates will be put into the OLOL Bulletin again. A handout for signup dates for writing bulletin inserts for "Unsung Disciples" was handed out and partially filled out.
- **Formation:** Jackie Dombrowski summarized the GIFT, baptisms and confirmations for the last month as indicated in her e-mail committee report.
- **Marketing and Communication:** Anita Eikens indicated that Marc is very happy with the Social Justice Committee for their website update.
- **Liturgy:** Nancy Short reminded the Pastoral Council of the upcoming Eucharistic Revival beginning June 10th. OLOL will be using the Eucharistic woodcarving done by a parishioner as a centerpiece during this time. Banners behind the woodcarving will change with the seasons. All the reviews of the Easter celebration have been very positive, including the slide package, music, readings etc.

Summary of Meeting:

1. Celebrating Nancie!
2. Fleshing out the "Volunteer Board"
3. Establishing a time, author and topic list for "Unsung Disciples" articles for the bulletin
4. Presenting and reviewing Committee Reports

The meeting closed with a prayerful blessing by all for Nancie and for her new endeavors in her retirement.

Next meeting: June 21, 2023, Room 3, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Van Wynsberghe
Secretary