

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



February 21, 2024

In-Person

6:00 – 8:02 p.m.

Parish Director: Deb Steppe

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Mary Alston, Cory Anshus, Paula Dahlman, Jackie Dombrowski, Anita Eikens, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay, Tom McKean, Rebecca Porter, Judeen Schulte, Nancy Short, Lorie Skeff, Jim Stamatakos, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Christine Yatchak

Finance Council in Attendance: Jerry Beine (Chair), Rob Petri, Rebecca Porter, Nancy Short, Maryrose Wolf

Staff in Attendance: Fr. Bill Burkert, Julie Fraleigh, Roxanne Lewandowski, Marc Puechner, Cindi Roark, Maggie Russell, Steve Syzmanski, Anne Van Duesen

Blessing and Overview of Meeting: After sharing warm hospitality over a delicious meal of pizza, salads, and desserts, Deb opened the meeting with a blessing for the sacred work that each of those present does for the advancement of OLOL's mission. She said the evening was designed to build community among those present by sharing experiences and information that will help us meet and learn more about each other. She then introduced Maggie Russell as the evening's director.

- At tables of 6-8 persons, we answered questions that served as "ice breakers." Whether answering "What item are you on the McDonald's menu?" or "What is one word to describe the person on your left?" we shared lots of information and laughs.
- We each received a card with a number of characters. We then had to move around the room to find a person with a matching character and talk with the person until we spotted what we had in common that wasn't visible or already known.
- Moving to assigned groups, each person created an A-Z list of "What makes you a person of faith?" and "What keeps you at Lourdes?" Small group sharing and discussion followed and then large group sharing.
- In a new group, we spent 15 minutes "building a church" out of Play Doh that showed the most important aspects of the liturgy.
- We completed the evening with a new group and a rousing game of Lourdes Jeopardy. Maggie created the gameboard based on the recently updated OLOL history. Everyone knew and LEARNED quite a lot!

The evening concluded with thanking Maggie for helping reveal many dimensions (and talents) of those attending and everyone expressing appreciation to and for each other. Deb closed the evening with a prayer of gratitude for the gifts shared by all present and a prayer that all of Lourdes continue to witness God's love.

Next Meetings: 3/20/2024; 4/17/2024; 5/15/2024; 6/19/2024

Respectfully submitted:
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