

OLPH Parish Council Meeting minutes for September 21, 2009.

Present: Erin Maiorca, Father Hickey, Larry Ball, Noelle Walsh, Bill Lynch, Robert Hicks, Cary Martin, Rog O'Brien, Kathy Heublein, Art Olivera, Kevin Baudhuin, Kevin Shaughnessy, Lynn McCreeny, Matthew Thibeau and Nancy Pins.

Absent: Mike Burton

Opening prayer given by Nancy.

August minutes accepted by consensus with no changes.

Ministry Weekend:

- ❖ Larry thanked the council for stepping up and everyone helping.
- ❖ Father Hickey stated he felt there was a lot of energy and it was nice that leaders were meeting other leaders.
- ❖ It was discussed that the flyers were a very good source of information that the flyers should possibly be included with the welcoming folders that are given to new parishioners.
- ❖ Community leaders were asked to speak with the Ministry leaders concerning the following:
 1. What can be improved for next year's event?
 2. Make sure they follow up with the individuals who signed up.

Pastor's Report: Father Hickey talked about the Annual Report which should be arriving this Friday in parishioners' mailboxes.

- ❖ Goals of the report are: Transparency, Understanding the parish finances and the Role of the Offertory in meeting those goals.
- ❖ Trying to change the myths about parish finances:
 1. OLPH does not need our money.
 2. Wagner Trust keeps us going: only 5 % is given to the parish, this year the amount was down 82K
 3. The diocese takes all the money but the true number is 10% which is the same amount for all parishes.
 4. All the money I donate to the many buckets ie: Men's Club, Women's club, Sharing, Endowment, goes to OLPH, but only the offertory money runs the parish.
- ❖ There will be power point presentations given to the many organizations in the parish; the council will have this presentation at the next meeting. Eventually there may be town hall meetings.
- ❖ Pieces of the Annual Report will be featured in weekly bulletin articles.
- ❖ Lastly the question was asked, "Do people know what is expected?" This will be addressed in October during the Offertory Appeal.

Strategic Planning: A detailed presentation was given by Matt. (see attachment)

- ❖ A bottom up approach was decided for our strategic planning.
- ❖ The council by consensus approved the mission statement as is.
- ❖ Time line was discussed and may need modification.

- ❖ It was originally suggested that the strategic planning process take place during community ministry meetings. Objections to this approach were: the communities do not meet as regular as would be necessary, the communities are still in the development stage and are not ready to handle this, and lastly the community leaders would need more training before starting this.
- ❖ One option to facilitate the process was possibly holding a workshop day and assemble all the groups together and explain the process and break off into small groups and start the process.

Due to time constraints the community connection round table was cascaded until the next meeting where the council will try to help the communications between the ministries by standardizing the agendas for each meetings.

Next meeting will be held Monday October 19 at 7:30pm in McDonnell Hall. The opening prayer by: Kevin Baudhuin and closing prayer by: Matt

Closing Prayer: Bill

Minutes submitted by Nancy