

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Jerry	Y	Cathy Condon	Y	Mike Hood	Y	Cindy Moody	Y
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Tim Daniels	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Bob Pirsein	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara		Laura Flentye	Y	Susan Logan	Y	Rob Orr	
		Maria Grable	Y	Tom Monticello	Y	Mark Ruchniewicz	Y
		Marti Guerrero		John Nicolau	Y	Lisa Salemi	Y

PPC Mission: OLPH is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to his teachings. We take as our mission in the world the living out of the Gospel of Jesus.

Opening Prayer *offered by Maria Grable*

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by Parish Council

Recap of our 2018/2019 Goals

Laura updated council members on status of PPC Goals for 2018-2019.

Update from the Pastor

Father Jerry offered reflection on the importance of the season of Advent and Christmas. He expressed gratitude for all of the wonderful events offered at OLPH during this time of year.

Father Jerry presented an update on the Church crisis and the most recent meeting of U.S. Bishops. He emphasized the importance of the upcoming Bishops' meeting in February. Father reflected on the complicated nature of this crisis in the context of the many various cultures of Catholic Churches around the world. Father shared that Cardinal Cupich is hopeful about the path forward and also advocating for systematic change in the oversight of the Church and the need for transparency. Father encouraged us to continue praying and to continue to be voices of systemic change.

Father Jerry shared an update on the Capital Campaign as we near the halfway point. Father shared that JNKA Architectural Company has created innovative plans for Phase 3 of the Capital Campaign which could include updates for McDonnell Hall, Glenview Road refacing and the renovation of the 3rd floor of the Parish Center. Contractors are now creating a scope of work and price proposals for the various options. The PPC will review proposals and available resources in spring of 2019. The Goal would be to begin work in the summer of 2019. Father Jerry expressed enthusiasm about the possibilities and innovative ideas for these campus projects.

Father shared that they are finalizing candidates for the Communications director and hope to announce the choice for the position before Christmas.

Father expressed concern over issues of bullying concerning young people at school and in the RE program at OLPH, both in person and cyber bullying. Father expressed the need for vigilance with regard to bullying and the importance of strong partnerships and communication between school staff/RE staff/leadership and parents. Father Jerry expressed the desire to make sure that children and families feel safe here and the committed to working to create a safe and healthy environment. PPC members offered ideas and suggestions including speaker topics, behavior and acceptable use contracts, focus on teaching about empathy and other ideas on the topic of interventions related to bullying and cyber bullying.

Father Jerry announced that the Cardinal will be coming to OLPH on September 14th to celebrate the 100th anniversary of OLPH. Father has invited parishioners to form/join an Anniversary Committee which will be planning/organizing activities for the OLPH 100th Anniversary celebration.

Finally, Father Jerry presented a brief update on Renew My Church and the status of area parishes and parish schools on the North Shore. Father expressed gratitude for the strength and vitality of lay leadership and participation at OLPH. Father also expressed hope and confidence in the developing relationships between the Parish Councils in our Renew My Church grouping and the importance of continuing to build these relationships.

Ministry Appreciation Event Planning

Maria Grable presented an update on Ministry Appreciation Mass and Reception on February 24th. Volunteer positions include Mass planning, drinks and glassware, food, tables and linens, décor, room set-up, plates/napkins/utensils, music

Deanery Update

Mike Hood presented background on the Deanery and Vicariate. Archdiocese is divided into 6 vicariates and each is led by an auxiliary Bishop. Each Vicariate is divided into Deaneries. OLPH is Deanery 11E. There are five Deanery meetings each year and each parish has 1-2 representatives that attend Deanery meetings. Meetings include news, updates, guest speakers and reports from the Archdiocesan Parish Council. Two members from each Deanery also serve on the Archdiocese Parish Council. The current topic for discussion at Deanery meetings is Renew my Church. Our parish grouping has not been activated yet

EOP Update

Mike Hood presented an update of the Emergency Operations Plan. He reported that the first EOP training for permanent staff occurred this fall. The next step is to begin training Greeters/Ushers and Readers and Ministry Leaders that would have direct access during a liturgy or event. PPC Ministry Liaisons, along with Father Jerry, will work with Liturgy and Worship ministries to create guidelines/roles/responsibilities for Greeter and Usher Ministries.

Red Book Plan Manuals located in school (Dr. Mills), front office at Parish Center (Linda Feo and Gloria Gaughan), office floor in Parish Center (Jim Dollard).

PPC Sub-Committee:

Renew My Parish

- Bob Pirsein presented an Update on Renew My Church and explained that Renew My Church has its own cycle and activation timing for OLPH has not been determined yet.

Parishioner Feedback

- Lisa Salemi presented idea to capture parishioner feedback in smaller settings such as Baptismal Prep, RE programs, RCIA and PreCana. Lisa explained that collecting data/soliciting feedback would help us better understand parish needs, successes/areas of need, RE attrition, and provide an opportunity for engagement. Goal is to continually improve and meet changing needs of parishioners. Lisa will work to create a team to begin to identify data collection opportunities and create methods data collection.

Closing Prayer offered by Father Jerry
