

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 16, 2017

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Bill McCabe	Y	Greg Bedell	N	Mark McKinley	Y
Fr. Nick Kostyk	N	Bob Michels	Y	Bill Nelson	Y	Mike Hood	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara	Y	Cathy Condon	Y	Kevin Boyle	Y	Nancy Detlefsen	Y
		Dave Ludden	Y	Laura Flentye	Y	Rob Orr	Y
		Elizabeth Hoshaw	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Shannon Dowdle	N

Opening Prayer: Bob Michels read the opening prayer provided by Kevin Boyle.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December meeting were approved.

To Teach Who Christ Is: As of today, we have raised \$5,050,000 – about \$400k below our goal. Since holidays are over, the group will reconvene to determine steps to closing the campaign successfully. Work is being done and progress is being made on various projects. A STEM project is underway and Hickey Hall is being used regularly. Building and Grounds will be working on getting bids on work for the front of the church. Diagonal parking is being discussed with the Village to see if it is permissible – this would greatly help our disabled drivers and vehicles. Hearing loop is another project we hope to implement quickly. The loop will be put in through the ceiling of McDonnell Hall – which will kick off its renovation.

Ministry Appreciation Mass/Reception: Parish Council puts on a Ministry Appreciation Mass/Reception annually for all Ministry leaders. Date for this year is March 12 at the 6pm mass and a reception following in McDonnell Hall. This is a very well attended event. Mike Hood will be coordinating all details.

Nancy has sent a save the date email and asked all ministry leaders to send their volunteer list on. Assistance from the PPC will be needed from those we do not receive a list back from.

Sign-up and list of duties was passed to PPC.

Transformation Mini-Summit: This Saturday is the Transformation Mini-Summit. Living Christs Mission Today is the emphasis for this event. This will be to reduce a negative impact to the word Transformation. To date, 189 people were invited 33 people have RSVP'd YES, 78 no replies and 69 people said they were unable to attend. Church bulletins have generated 4 attendees. Event fill focus on communion and catechesis. List included Summit invitation list, school board and ministry leaders. Many of these also participated in Transformation events in 2016.

Food and Name badges to be provided by PPC.

Youth Ministry Update: The team has reconvened and we are actively in search of a Youth Minister!! Job postings have been put up on multiple sites. Candidates will be vetted and interviewed with a goal of a July 1 start date.

PPC team will be working with Fr Lara to help him with ideas for events and drive attendance. The next event is at Feed my Starving Children this Saturday morning. Fr Lara has many ideas to implement over the next several months.

Parish Safety Plan: A safety plan is underway. A few training sessions are planned to move things forward. Mike Hood is driving this plan – Glenview Police & Fire will be involved.

Parish Communication Strategy: There is a good deal of overlap with communication tools and not a set manner in which to get a message out. Vehicles include: emails, The City, website, etc. The communications liaison is leaving the position – a new position is being developed to be comprehensive for these responsibilities. Posting for this position will begin soon. A representative from the engagement committee will be present on the hiring committee.

Renew My Church: This is an important weekend for Renew my Church. A letter will be read at all masses. This will formally announce all groupings. OLPH is grouped with St Catherine, St Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook. Vision is about parish vitality – not closing parishes. OLPH is working on a few initiatives over Lent with our four parishes as a means of introduction and formation. One thing we'd like to do is have a PPC dinner for all 4 parishes. Attending events at the other parishes would be a good way to get to know the other parishes.

Ministry Updates: Bill would like for Ministry Liaisons to touch base with their ministries and give an update on things that are going on in these ministries. At our PPC meeting, we will have time to share this information with the larger PPC.

Pastor's Report: Christmas Season was a tremendous blessing and success. Many thanks to all of those that participated and helped with liturgies and all efforts. Hospitality Greeter Ministry has made tremendous efforts to help welcome people at all liturgies. The sense of welcome was greatly appreciated.

The early months of this year will be shaping the year in many ways. Significant positions will be changing – Communications, Finance and Youth. We want to build the best possible team – we can't have silo mentality. Every position must work with each other so that we can be completely successful.

OLPH is sponsoring another Refugee family. We have a 6 month commitment. Goal is their independence – similar to that of the first family we sponsored – which is now independent of our financial support. They continue to be in our prayers.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Detlefsen.