

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2020 via Zoom Conference**

**PPC members present:**

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Mark Cullum	X	Steven Schmidt	X	Cindy Moody	X
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Tim Daniels		Tom O'Brien	X	Bob Pirsein	X
Fr. Patrick Kizza		Laura Flentye	X	Susan Logan	X	Mike Wycklendt	X
		Maria Grable	X	Tom Monticello	X	Mark Ruchniewicz	X
		Marti Guerrero		John Nicolau	X	Lisa Salemi	X

**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 John Nicolau**

Lisa Salemi presented the March minutes to the members of the PPC. Susan Logan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by John Nicolau and approved by all participating PPC members.

**PPC Positions for 2020-2021**

John Nicolau made a motion to have all current members remain in place through June 2021 because of the current shelter-in-place order, which hampers the PPC's ability to recruit and orient new members. Tom O'Brien seconded the motion, all participating PPC members voted in favor. In July 2020, the following current members will replace current PPC officers as following:

- Susan Logan, Chair
- Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair
- Mike Wycklendt, Secretary
- Maria Grable, Deanery

**Update from the Pastor**

Father Boland shared that normally at this time of the year the parish is focused on the budget process. Father shared that the School Advisory Board and Finance Committee have been working very hard to provide alternative projections if the parish school is unable to open at the beginning of the school year. To date, the school has cancelled all its summer camps and programs, which also generate revenue for the parish. While the parish budget is also being completed, the school budget is a cornerstone of the parish budget and needs to be firmed up before the parish can accurately forecast its budget for next year.

Currently, the parish is receiving about 70% of its typical collections, which is a testament to the parish community's commitment. In April, the parish applied for payroll protection from the federal government and the parish fortunately received an 8-week loan. Father Boland shared his gratitude for the help he received from the parishioners who assisted in navigating the rules and applying for the loan.

Father Boland shared that the Archbishop formed a committee to examine how congregations will begin to return to worship, whether that will be through outdoor/parking lot masses or masses that adhere to social distancing requirements. Father has received such positive feedback from those who have attended mass virtually; it really provides a comfort to those in isolation near and far.

Unfortunately, the search for the Director of Religious Education has been suspended due to the shelter-in-place order. Randy McGraw will continue in the position until efforts for a replacement can resume. First Communion and Confirmation sacraments will be slated for the fall. Some typical spring events, such as May Crowning and graduation, will still occur and everyone has been onboard with creative ideas of how to make these events special for those involved. Steve Schmidt inquired about whether the search for the Director of Religious Education could continue electronically and telephonically. Father shared that those applicants initially contacted shared that they were unwilling to continue with the process during the current shelter-in-place environment.

Bob Pirsein inquired whether there is a way the PPC can further assist Father Boland during this time. Father stated that he believes the parish community will be apprehensive about returning to public spaces, even after shelter-in-place orders are lifted and looks to the PPC to think creatively about how we can re-energize the parish community and engage and connect parishioners again spiritually. He hopes we can honor sacraments and events that were not celebrated or mourned as they traditionally would have been.

Father wanted to note that the sharing ministry has worked with the Northfield Township Food Pantry to ensure that individuals that would otherwise be served by Sister Paulanne and OLPH are getting their food needs met. The parish's social worker has been working remotely, but has been able to connect virtually with individuals in need of support.

Father proposed that the June 15th meeting could be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. Maria Grable volunteered to coordinate with Bob Michels, the Chair of the Finance Committee.

**Closing Prayer offered by Father Boland**