

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2020**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Mark Cullum	X	Steven Schmidt	X	Cindy Moody	X
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Tim Daniels	X	Tom O'Brien	X	Bob Pirsein	X
Fr. Patrick Kizza	X	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 Mark Cullum

Lisa Salemi presented the November 2019 minutes to the members of the PPC. Tom O'Brien noted one change to the minutes. Bob Piresin made a motion to approve the minutes as revised and the motion was seconded by John Nicolau and approved by all attending PPC members.

Service Project Update

Tom Monticello requested to provide a brief Finance Council update prior to the Service Project Update. Mr. Monticello highlighted the following from the last Finance Council meeting: the Men's Club proposed hosting a Queen of Hearts raffle, Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund continues to be well-funded and on budget, New Trier Aquatics continues to rent the pool, and collections are 8.4% above budget year-to-date.

Mr. Monticello then provided an overview of St. Catherine Laboure's Adoration Chapel—the Holy Family Chapel—where the 24 hour adoration occurs. Mr. Monticello provided the current vacant hours for the month of January so that members could gage generally what hours are needed. Mr. Monticello will email a vacant hours update to the PPC in February. Maria Grable mentioned that she would report to the Centennial Committee that we are committed to helping St. Catherine with adoration. John Nicolau inquired about how we should report the hours. Father Boland stressed the importance of being present during adoration, and attending when you can and to not worry about only filling the vacant hour slots. Mr. Nicolau offered to send some general information out to the PPC about adoration. Ms. Grable said each PPC member will report back at the next meeting any hours spent at adoration.

Deanery Update

Laura Flentye provided a brief overview of the December meeting. Ms. Flentye shared a copy of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) November meeting notes. She highlighted some of the topics discussed: liturgies for weddings/funerals, the shortage of priests, Renew My Church, the Synod, and the importance of parental involvement in religious education. She also provided a copy of the Priest's newsletter. Father Boland expanded on the liturgical questions surrounding weddings and funerals and the degree of personalization permitted with those sacraments. Father Boland shared that it is important for the Cardinal to hear these issues, strike the appropriate balance, and help the church be more adaptable.

Engagement Ministry

Cindy Moody provided an update on the Engagement Ministry's activities since September. Gathership has started again and has been a huge success with attendance growing each month. In the future, the Engagement Ministry hopes to spotlight various ministries during Gathership to introduce more parishioners to the offerings. Also returning is OLPH 101, which will run January to March every other Saturday. Additionally, the Engagement Ministry sent 100 Thanksgiving cards out to the homebound and elderly and this was wonderfully received. The Engagement Ministry also worked on the theme for Advent: My Soul in Stillness Waits and supported Father Patrick Kizza's Lenten talk and the Fireside Chat put on by Karen Navarre.

Update from Pastor

Father Boland shared how wonderful it was to see everyone's families and extended families during the Christmas season. He also shared how moving Father Paddy's departure celebration was and how well attended the celebration was by young adults.

Father Boland noted that we are in the second half of the Centennial Year and now the focus will move to the current and future state of the OLPH community. Father invited everyone to tour the 3rd floor meeting space at the conclusion of tonight's meeting. He also noted that they are working on the final architectural drawings for the Centennial room—at the north end of the Parish Center—to operate as a hospitality room for Gathership, funeral lunches, and other larger gatherings.

Father Boland shared that next week the parish celebrates Catholic Schools Week and the liturgies for the 9:30am and 11:00am masses will be focused on the benefits of Catholic education. Additionally, the school will be open after these masses for prospective family tours.

Father Boland provided an explanation about the tax credit scholarship, which has been highlighted in the bulletin, and how individuals can designate St. Catherine as well as OLPH as beneficiaries. He explained the importance of designating both schools because Father Lara has shared that St. Catherine's school has more financial need for children's scholarships than current funding. To that end, Father Boland was pleased to share that between OLPH and St. Catherine's parishioners approximately \$170,000 has been designated already for scholarships.

Father shared that he has been meeting with the Religious Education Board and plans to draft a job description for the open position and will post it shortly for applicants. Father Boland noted that he will work closely with the search committee to vet applicants. John Nicolau inquired about whether the new Director of Religious Education would be expected to oversee all three parishes that are in our Renew My Church grouping. Father stated that currently with 930 students, OLPH needs a full-time person in that role but speculated that in the future the RE program could change and include various iterations based on grade level, schedule availability or modality.

Father shared that a new support group is forming for families and individuals that are looking for an inclusive network to discuss LGBTQ community concerns. Father Kizza shared that he has been meeting with individuals that have brought forth concerns and he stressed the importance of being trustful of God's plan for each individual. Father Kizza also emphasized that the goal is to have a supportive inclusive network, not conduct any political advocacy.

Father Boland expressed his gratitude to Tim Daniels and the teaching parish committee for being instrumental in the formation of two phenomenal candidates that recently concluded their time with OLPH.

Ministry Appreciation Mass and Reception

Susan Logan asked for updates from PPC members regarding their prospective assignments. Lisa Salemi will send the parish reimbursement form via email to all PPC members and will send out the Ministry Appreciation Mass and Reception Evite to ministry participants on or before February 23rd.

Bob Pirsein went over the liturgical details, specifically the outline for the mass. Mr. Pirsein also shared photos of the new banners that will process after the cross and represent the ministry sub-groups. He also asked for volunteers to fill various roles needed for the mass.

New Member Recruitment

Maria Grable requested that everyone begin to think of individuals that would add value to the PPC group as four members will roll off in June. Ms. Grable noted that an announcement about applications will be placed in the bulletin in April.

Goal Setting for 2019-2020

Ms. Grable shared that the parish councils within OLPH's Renew My Parish subgrouping are looking to meet April 25th, but that she is still waiting for confirmation on the date.

Closing Blessing offered by Maria Grable.