

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018

PPC members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

October Minutes approved by PPC

Recap of our 2018/2019 Goals

Laura Flentye reviewed PPC goals for 2018-2019 year

Youth Ministry Update

Randy McGraw presented an update on the OLPH Youth Ministry. Randy distributed a list of upcoming events for Youth Ministry. Additionally, Randy distributed a copy of a letter that was sent to 300+ families inviting youth to participate in Youth Ministry programs with a list of upcoming events and ways to connect with Youth Ministry and receive updates on upcoming events. Randy has been including updates and event announcements in school and parish weekly emails. Randy has visited all junior high Religious Education classes to announce events and invite youth to participate.

Randy also shared information about the Teen Leadership and Advisory Board that has recently been formed. The goal is for the Teen Leadership and Advisory Board to share ideas and insights for events and ways to engage with other youth. Additionally Teen Leadership Advisory Board members will help to plan and facilitate Youth Ministry events.

Randy also gave update on the High School Summer Job Workshop/Job Fair coming up in January. The event will run from 7:00-9:00pm and is facilitated by the Business Networking Ministry. The suggestion was made to engage youth in the organization and facilitation of the Summer Job Fair.

Randy reported that Parent Advisory Board is in the formation process. There were 9 attendees at the October Advisory Board meeting. Randy will continue to develop the Parent Advisory Board. Randy asked PPC members to invite/recommend parishioners to join Parent Advisory Board.

Randy also discussed the importance of developing a culture at OLPH that encourages Youth Ministry participation. Randy expressed that his goal is to build a foundation for Youth Ministry programs with the knowledge that participation will increase over time. Father Boland reflected on the challenges related to scheduling and time management for youth today. Father Boland emphasized the importance of engaging student leaders in Youth Ministry programs/events/Advisory Board with the hope that youth leaders become ambassadors to help invite/engage/ create a critical mass to participate. Father Boland also emphasized the importance of continuing to invite and engage youth through a variety of channels of communication. Randy introduced the idea of creating a schedule for the entire year to help families schedule events in advance. Randy also discussed ideas for teen masses. Ideas included smaller separate masses for teens, teaching masses and engaging youth in reading, altar serving, EM and Greeter/Usher ministry work at teen masses.

Randy also gave an update on social media initiatives. Susan Logan will continue to help Randy communicate through social media outlets.

John Nicolau presented ideas/suggestions connected to Youth Ministry that came from the recent Renew My Church PPC gathering. Ideas for youth engagement include personal invitations, Kairos, youth participation in masses, service projects including Habitat for Humanity, family RE classes where child and parents participate in RE together which encourages engagement of youth and parents.

PPC Sub-Committee: Summit Team

Cindy Moody presented recap of November 3rd Summit event. Discussion about importance of engagement and opportunities creating more opportunities for parishioners to share and engage. PPC members also emphasized the importance of finding ways to engage younger families. PPC conducted further discussion about the importance being welcoming and engaging at every possible opportunity.

Rob Orr will share video of Lisa Fortini-Campbell, keynote speaker from the Summit meeting. Video will be shared in weekly email and on parish website. Father Boland shared that he received positive feedback regarding the annual Summit.

PPC Sub-Committee: Renew My Parish

PPC members gave a recap of PPC October gathering of neighboring PPCs. Topics for discussion included engagement, ministries, communication, youth ministry, mass schedules and events of all parishes in our grouping in each bulletin, visiting priest program between churches, sharing of ideas, issues, successes, challenges and insights among PPC members for each parish. Shared emphasis on engagement, inclusion, cultural competence and personal invitations. PPC members reflected on the warm, welcoming feeling of this gathering and the shared desire to continue these shared PPC meetings. Goal to schedule a shared PPC Meeting on April 6th.

Transformation/Divine Renovation

Rob Orr presented an update on Parish Transformation and the importance continuing to work on the goals and hopes created during the Parish Transformation process. Rob gave update on most recent talk by Fr. Nick which drew a multi-generational audience. Rob emphasized the ongoing focus on welcoming and engagement as a part of the fabric of our culture here at OLPH.

Rob gave a brief update on Divine Renovation and explained that Transformation will naturally evolve into the Divine Renovation initiative. Rob emphasized the importance of adult formation as a goal of Divine Renovation and Transformation. Rob explained that the main goal of Divine Renovation is to change culture of the Church from *Maintenance Parish* to a *Mission Parish*. Rob discussed the importance of establishing next steps for Divine Renovation at OLPH. Parishioners that attended Archdiocese Divine Renovation Summit in October will be meeting with representatives from the Vicariate to discuss next steps and opportunities for participation connected to Divine Renovation. Bob Pirsein emphasized the importance of Divine Renovation as a large scale movement coming from the Archdiocese that will require the buy-in, commitment, participation and cultural shift of the whole parish and the Archdiocese in order to be impactful.

Rob concluded by emphasizing the importance of engaging parishioners, growing ministries and supporting parish vitality through the formation and continuation of small groups (ex. CHR and Scripture Study). Rob also reiterated the ongoing goal of developing the Digital Ministry and finding a place to post and share videos and multimedia presentations connected to OLPH.

Update from the Pastor

Father Jerry presented Divine Renovation as an evolving process that will take time and will require a “learn as we go” mentality as it evolves within the Archdiocese. Father Jerry urged us to exercise patience and perseverance as we move through Renew My Church and Divine Renovation over the next few years, he emphasized the importance of working with our Renew My Church neighboring parishes to support one another through these changes.

Father Jerry gave an update on his visit to El Salvador to celebrate the one month anniversary of the canonization of Saint Oscar Romero and the return of his relics to El Salvador. Father Jerry celebrated mass at the Chapel of Divine Providence Hospital in San Salvador (where Romero was martyred) to commemorate the canonization of Oscar Romero. Father shared the transformational power of the life and message of Saint Oscar Romero and the significance of his life and work in solidarity with the people of El Salvador. Father emphasized the importance of Romero’s example of being on the “frontlines” with the people.

Father Jerry expressed gratitude and for the fall CHRP weekends and the power and significance of CHRP retreat and CHRP Continuation Ministry. Additionally, he expressed gratitude for the transforming, engaging power of the Scripture Study Ministry.

Father Jerry gave an update on current and future Capital Campaign projects. Consultants from JNKA Architects continue to work on next steps for Capital Campaign projects. Potential projects include McDonnell Hall, Glenview Road streetscape and 3rd floor of the Parish Center. Consultants are putting together proposals, scope of work and costs for each project. A second town Hall Meeting will be held in the Winter to encourage feedback from parishioners. The goal is to begin projects in late spring/early summer.

Father Jerry also presented an update on the current crisis in the Church and the recent meeting of the Bishops. Father Jerry elaborated on ongoing discussions about lay oversight with regard to the Church. Next meeting of Bishops will take place in February.

Father Boland gave update on interviews for new director of communications at OLPH. Resumes have been received and interviews are being conducted presently.

In 2019, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of OLPH. Fr. Jerry has asked Archbishop to preside at a mass to celebrate the centennial. When Mass date is chosen, Father Jerry will form a centennial committee

Father Jerry reflected on the experience of going through the process of the 360 By Design evaluation. Father Jerry will present the summary of the evaluation to PPC at a future meeting.

Father Jerry presented the Emergency Operations Plan update to PPC and explained the next steps for training people on emergency procedures. Father Jerry emphasized the importance of having procedures in place and having staff and volunteers trained in processes and procedures for emergency situations. Father Jerry acknowledged and expressed gratitude for Mike Hood and Julie Ruchniewicz who have worked to bring together community stakeholders, first responders, emergency personal to create a manual and training guide for emergencies.

Ministry Appreciation Event Planning

Maria Grable shared details about the upcoming annual Ministry Appreciation Mass and Reception on Sunday, February 24th. All PPC members are asked to help support and facilitate this event. Bob Pirsein will lead planning and facilitation of the Ministry Appreciation Mass. Maria will ask for other committee volunteers at the December PPC meeting.

PPC Sub-Committee: Service

Lisa presented idea for winter PPC Service Project; creating notes/cards for residents at Maryhaven and the Convent of the Holy Spirit at the Breakfast for Santa event on December 2nd. PPC will create a space for children to create Christmas cards and notes for residents of Maryhaven and Missionary Sisters at the Convent of the Holy Spirit. Goal of PPC service projects is to create opportunity for connection and engagement between PPC members and parishioners while doing loving service work.

Finance Committee Update

Tom Monticello presented update from Finance Council. Updates include discussion of E-giving program options, school budget and enrollment updates, parish financials/budget and Capital Campaign proposals for Phase 2.

Seminarian Presentation

Tim Daniels presented an update on the Seminarian Teaching Program Committee. Deacon Justin Agbir gave update on his experience as a seminarian at OLPH and expressed gratitude for the support and welcome he has received. Deacon Justin Agbir described his experiences such as assisting at liturgies and participating in ministry work at OLPH including the Pre-Cana Program, Religious Education classes, marriage preparation, observing meetings to learn about Pastoral leadership.

Closing Prayer offered by Cathy Condon

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Future Meeting Topics

December meeting

- Potluck dinner with start time of 6:30 or 7pm
- Deanery and EOP update

Everyone

Mike Hood

January meeting

- Ministry Spotlight on Education/School Age

Cathy/Lisa

February meeting

- Ministry Spotlight on Parish Life
- 3rd youth ministry update

Cindy/John

Randy McGraw