

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2019**

**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		Laura Flentye	X	Susan Logan		Mike Wycklendt	
		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 Bob Pirsein**

Lisa Salemi presented the October 2019 minutes to the members of the PPC. Steve Schmidt recommended changes to the Finance Council update. No further adjustments or edits were needed and Bob Pirsein made a motion to approve the minutes as revised and the motion was seconded by John Nicolau and approved by all attending PPC members.

**Summit Recap**

Maria Grable expressed her gratitude to all PPC members for their time and effort to ensure that the Annual Summit was successful. John Nicolau shared some of the positive feedback he received from Summit participants. Tim Daniels queried whether there were other ways the PPC could continue to improve the Summit to ensure that it remained an engaging event, such as adjustments to the theme, mode of delivery, date or time. PPC members brainstormed about various ways to advertise to a broader audience; e.g. announcements at church, Dr. Mills' Friday email, providing links to past events or speakers' videos. Ms. Grable made notes of the suggestions and closed the conversation by again thanking everyone for making the event meaningful.

**Deanery Update**

Laura Flentye provided a brief overview of what the Deanery is and its structure within the archdiocese for new PPC members. Ms. Flentye reviewed the Deanery's November meeting minutes, which included updates regarding the Deanery's involvement in various Renew My Church efforts; particularly when the driving issue is the shortage of pastors to staff parishes. Ms. Flen-

tye plans to attend the December 11th meeting and will report back to the PPC further pertinent updates.

### **Liturgy/Worship Ministry Update**

Bob Pirsein and Tom O'Brien, the Liturgy/Worship Ministry Liaisons, presented an overview of the Ministry subgrouping. Mr. Pirsein highlighted the leaders for each subgroup and the number of participants. Mr. O'Brien shared some highlights from the previous monthly meetings he attended; including the ministry's plans for the Centennial year and Advent season. Mr. O'Brien shared that the ministry is trying to gather more altar servers and readers. Mr. Pirsein and Mr. O'Brien shared that there was some feedback about the church's lighting; specifically, whether there were plans to make the lights brighter and more efficient. Father Boland noted that there are plans to explore lighting alternatives. In closing, Mr. Pirsein and Mr. O'Brien commended the ministry for the amount of effort and detail its' members put forth to ensure masses are staffed, prepared for, and visually engaging.

### **Update from Pastor**

Father Boland shared the positive feedback he received regarding the Summit and expressed his gratitude for the PPC members' efforts.

Father reported that we are moving along in the current phase of capital campaign. There is hope that by mid-December the four rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will have been renovated and that will alleviate some of the demand for meeting space. After that project is completed, he will discuss the next phase with the Finance Council and Building Grounds Committee. He is encouraged by all that has been accomplished already.

Father shared that he has been meeting with the Religious Education Board and plans to reach out to the RE community in the middle of January to seek feedback regarding improvements to the program and the RE community's needs, including changes to the type of instruction, mode of delivery, and scheduling availability. Father also shared that he will convene a search committee, which will be comprised of members from the RE Board, RE parents, parish staff, and members of the PPC, to discern the right person for this vital role. Father also stated that the Archdiocese views the head of religious education role more as a Director of Faith Formation, which would integrate parish outreach efforts including baptismal prep, marriage prep, and RCIA. Father hopes they will be able to hire someone with a background in theology and a catechist.

Father also discussed District 34's new teacher contract which includes the extension of the District's school day by 30 minutes and the impact that would have on OLPH's school bus offerings. Father noted how coming to a consensus on the least negatively impactful change will be extremely difficult. PPC members also discussed the traffic impact the Bess Hardware site renovation could have on any newly proposed drop off and pick up routes for the school in lieu of school bus offerings.

Father also provided an update on the Finance Council's efforts to streamline processes; particularly, the synchronization of the Finance Council and School Advisory Board's monthly reports.

Father highlighted how effective the Emergency Operation Plan was when there was a gas leak three weeks ago on a Saturday morning. The emergency response teams were able to quickly evacuate individuals out of meeting rooms to alternative open meeting rooms because of the universal meeting schedule, which was a direct byproduct of Emergency Operation Plan.

Father also shared the success of both the Men's and Women's CHRP retreat weekends, which both hosted new parishioners.

### **Ministry Appreciation Event**

Maria Grable noted that at the December PPC meeting there will be a discussion regarding the different roles members can have to make sure the event is a success. Ms. Grable requested that everyone begin to think about how they might like to be involved. Bob Pirsein and Mark Ruchniewicz volunteered to plan the event's liturgy with the help of Tom O'Brien. Mr. Pirsein welcomed any ideas regarding the liturgy and how to continue to make it meaningful. Tim Daniels volunteered to coordinate the beverages. Ms. Grable thanked the volunteers for agreeing to lead those roles and noted that she would add the topic to December and January agendas.

### **Goal Setting for 2019-2010**

#### **Centennial Year: Service Project Ideas**

Maria Grable provided a recap of the PPC service project ideas for the Centennial year. Tom Monticello proposed donating a 100 hours of devotion, which would tie into Jen Farber's Hours of Mercy. Mr. Monticello stated that he would reach out to Ms. Farber to gather more information and would report back to the PPC at the December meeting.

Ms. Grable also shared that the parish councils within OLPH's Renew My Parish subgrouping may need to reschedule the originally proposed January 11, 2020 meeting.

**Closing Blessing offered by Cindy Moody.**