

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 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	X	Laura Flentye	X	Susan Logan	X	Mike Wycklendt	X
		Maria Grable	X	Tom Monticello	X	Mark Ruchniewicz	
		Marti Guerrero		John Nicolau		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 Maria Grable**

**PPC Orientation**

President Maria Grable welcomed the new PPC members - Mike Wycklendt, Mark Cullum, Steven Schmidt, and Tom O'Brien - and provided an overview of the monthly meetings, including the agenda, explaining how it's organized and how to add ideas to the agenda.

Ms. Grable, as part of the new PPC members' orientation, reviewed the PPC bylaws, the role of PPC members as vehicles to channel information to Father Boland and expressed appreciation for the donation of their time. Ms. Grable reminded everyone to be respectful of everyone's opinion and to end each meeting with reflection and resolution. Ms. Grable also spoke about the importance of fellowship among members and encouraged everyone to stay - time permitting - after the meeting to get to know each other. Ms. Grable asked that everyone sign confidentiality agreements as required by the bylaws. Lisa Salemi, in her role as secretary, collected the signed confidentiality agreements.

Ms. Grable reviewed the ministry liaisons and PPC pairings. Father Boland discussed the role and responsibilities of the ministry liaisons and how ministries tend to evolve over time. He discussed how helpful and important it is for the PPC to know the strengths and particularly the pains of the ministries and how the PPC can help them overcome obstacles. Ms. Grable touched on how new PPC members may want to reach out to the ministry leaders and directed them to the PPC orientation binders, which has ideas on how to reach out to the ministry leaders.

## **Update from Pastor**

Father Boland expressed his gratitude for everyone's interest in leading the parish. He expressed the importance of leadership in the vitality of the parish and to ensure that resources are appropriately expended as the community continues to grow the parish and actualize the vision of Renew My Church. Father stated that while we never know what lies ahead in any given year, he is extremely appreciative to have the PPC help guide him and the parish.

Father Boland shared some reflections on his time in Rome; particularly, the Pope's direction to include lay people and women in the governance of the church and decentralize the governing structure.

Father Boland gave an overview of our position within our Renew My Church grouping and the overarching goals of the Renew My Church efforts. He also reviewed the three main projects that were funded by the Capital Campaign and explained that the most significant need at the parish continues to be the need for meeting space. Father also gave a staffing update on the parish and school administration and welcomed Father Kizza to the council.

## **Goal Setting for 2019-20**

Maria Grable reviewed the PPC's goals from last year and discussed how last year ministry liaisons shared out information about the ministries to the PPC at large. Ms Grable also discussed the importance of keeping Renew My Church in the forefront of the PPC's goals and member consensus was to continue to keep Renew My Church efforts as a goal for 2019-20. Tim Daniels expressed the need to keep supporting Youth Ministry as an objective for the next year, especially as the parish seeks to grow the Youth Ministry footprint. Father Boland said that there will be four events where parishioners will be invited to share their thoughts on the past, present and future of the parish during the centennial year and he opined that there may be opportunities for the PPC to support and address any concerns that may arise during the year.

## **Engagement Committee**

Cindy Moody and Mark Cullum reported on the engagement committee's efforts to gather people at the Wagner Farm outdoor mass. While the June date was rained out, the July 13th 5pm mass was a success with approximately 110 attendees spanning multiple generations. The next outdoor mass at Wagner Farm will be August 10th at 5pm.

## **PPC Summit:**

Maria Grable shared that former PPC member Mike Hood had previously reached out to Phil Andrew to gauge his interest in being a speaker at the PPC Summit. Ms. Grable stated that the Summit's direction is still fluid, but she and Father Boland discussed how faith and our community can support people during this anxious time. Bob Pirsein agreed that the parish community should be a place of tranquility and we should be engaging our ministry leaders in that effort.

Ms. Grable suggested that a subcommittee meet independently to discuss the Summit's direction and whether Mr. Andrew can speak to the PPC's decided objective.

### **Miscellaneous**

Maria Grable invited the PPC members to discuss whether we should continue with hosting the installation mass in July or possibly moving it to the June meeting as the bylaws would permit it. Member consensus was to move the installation mass to June so that more members could participate in the event. Ms. Grable also proposed continuing doing service projects throughout the year. Father Boland suggested that the PPC partner with youth ministry on future service efforts.

Lisa Salemi offered the closing prayer.