

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2017

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Kevin Boyle	Y	Marty Guerrero	Y	Bob Michels	Y
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Cathy Condon	Y	Mike Hood	Y	Cindy Moody	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara	Y	Tim Daniels	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Bill Nelson	Y
		Laura Flentye	Y	Bill McCabe	Y	Bob Pirsein	Y
		Maria Grable	Y	Mark McKinley	Y	Rob Orr	Y

Opening Prayer offered by Bill Nelson

Approval of Minutes July PPC minutes approved

Youth Ministry

Randy McGraw introduced himself and his goals, ideas and hopes for the Youth Ministry program at OLPH. Randy presented the Youth Ministry Insight and Input Survey and requested that PPC members complete survey and encourage their ministry leaders to have their ministry members complete this survey as well. There have been 65 survey responses so far.

Randy updated the PPC regarding the Youth Ministry events and gatherings that have taken place. Randy reported that many families have attended the Hospitality/Open House gatherings after masses during the month of August. Randy also described goals and structure for upcoming events including Back to School Ice Cream Social gatherings, Freshman Night and World Youth Day Information Night. Randy will encourage youth at OLPH to register early for the World Youth Day in Panama in January of 2019, several youth have already expressed interest. Randy also discussed plans to organize groups to attend Archdiocesan and National Youth Days.

Randy has been meeting with members of the OLPH community including Fr. Paddy, Cherie DiCesare, 8th grade RE teachers, Dr. Mills to assess needs and gather ideas for Youth Ministry programming. Randy is working with Melissa and other parishioners to discuss the mailing/emailing/text communications distribution list for Youth Ministry. Randy introduced the idea of setting up a weekly text with inspirational thought/prayer each week. Randy also discussed developing outreach specific for junior high, freshman, high school and college age youth. Goal is to create many different ways for youth to be involved in a flexible way that encourages any level of participation. Randy also discussed the importance of getting the Junior High youth involved with the hope that they will continue to be involved throughout their high school years. Additionally, Randy expressed desire to partner with sharing parishes in designing programs which would enable youth from OL and the sharing parishes to come together.

PPC members encouraged Randy to explore the possibility of forming CYO teams here at OLPH. Father Boland encouraged Randy to reach out to parents and families who attend the 6:00 Sunday mass and to involve youth in all aspects of the liturgy, encourage homilies focused on youth and to schedule programs before and after the 6:00 Sunday mass.

Randy expressed concern about youth and families that may not have financial resources to participate in programs. Randy would like to form a committee to and how to engage those families and ensure that they can participate in activities. Goal is to form a committee to discuss funding and scholarships which would enable any young person to attend programs such as World Youth Day.

Randy concluded by inviting PPC members to visit the newly designed and decorated Youth Center in the lower level of the Parish Center. Randy asked us to support the Youth Ministry by encouraging youth and parents to attend events and to invite others to attend. Randy will continue to meet with the Parish Council throughout the 2017-2018 year. Randy will attend the November meeting.

2017-2018 PPC Goals Discussion

Mike Hood thanked PPC members for sending ideas for goals/focus areas for the 2017-2018 year and introduced the importance of creating *SMART* (specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused and time-bound) goals within our focus areas throughout the year.

Focus areas for this year include:

- 1) Support for Youth Ministry programs and Randy McGraw. Father Boland suggested we designate a liaison from the PPC specifically for the Youth Ministry. Marti Guerrero volunteered to be the liaison.
- 2) Support implementation of Renew My Church. Father Boland suggested we host a gathering for our grouping this year. Create/look for opportunities for shared experiences with parishes in our grouping to create relationships and connections between our parishes.
- 3) Support ongoing implementation of Parish Transformation to encourage synergy and vitality at OLPH with a specific focus on engagement and communications.

Parish Council and Service

Mike Hood, Mara Lindsay and Laura Flentye introduced idea for PPC Sunday Service Meet and Greet- Brown Bags for Sr. Paulanne. Service/Meet and Greet event will take place on Sunday, October 8th between 9:30 and 11:00 masses. Tables for bag assembly will be set up in the walkway between the church entrance and parking lot. PPC members volunteered to bring supplies for the brown bags. Goal is parishioners to make personal connections with parishioners and work as a community to complete an all inclusive service project for the Sharing Ministry. Details will be discussed at the September meeting.

Transformation Summit

Rob Orr gave a recap of the July Parish transformation Review and Renew Mini-Summit. 40 participants attended. Rob reviewed some of the accomplishments of the first year of

Transformation. Rob highlighted the growing vitality of spirituality and devotion groups. Rob also emphasis the ongoing focus of Each One Bring One. Rob reviewed the inspiration behind Each One Bring One and the importance of sharing our personal stories of invitation with the ministries/individuals to which we are connected. Rob asked PPC members to reach out to parishioners and encourage individuals to share their stories of invitation. Rob reiterated the importance of PPC members and ministry communities in fostering/nurturing vitality at OLPH

Deanery

Bill McCabe reviewed the structure of the Vicariates and Deaneries in the Archdiocese. Bill explained the specific grouping in our Vicariate. Goal of Deanery meetings is to share experiences between and among parishes. First Deanery meeting will be October 18th. Bill will communicate information between our parish and the Deanery throughout the year.

OLPH Ministry Directory Update

Mara Lindsay updated PPC on progress of Ministry Directory update. Text is edited and finalized for updated ministry directory. Thank you Bob Michels for editing the document. Mara and Melissa met in July to begin planning publication and sharing of this parish resource. Ongoing work on this initiative will continue after Annual Report and Planned Offertory campaigns.

Ministry Liaison Update

Mike Hood reviewed PPC Bylaws regarding Parish Ministry Communities, “The PPC has created communities that will facilitate communication and collaboration within the Parish.” Goals for PPC Ministry Liaison outreach include:

- 1) Ongoing communication regarding Each One Bring One initiative
- 2) Send Youth Ministry Survey to Ministry Leaders to distribute to their ministry members

Seminary Program

Tim Daniels reviewed the Seminary Teaching Program and explained that goal is to prepare seminarians for priesthood. OLPH will host 2 seminarians in our community this year. Goal is to connect with and help integrate seminarians into our community. Seminarians will be introduced to parish at masses on September 3rd. Block Party and Outdoor Mass will be opportunity to introduce and connect seminarians to the OLPH community.

Emergency Operations Plan

Mike Hood reviewed the importance of Emergency Operations Plan. Mike will facilitate the development of this plan Team will meet in September and October to develop plan.

Future Dates (Ministry Appreciation / Summit /Summit Topic)

Mike Hood reviewed the purpose and importance of OLPH Summit and Ministry Appreciation Mass. Summit committee includes Bob M. Mark M., Rob, Cathy, Cyndi, Bob P. Summit topic: Youth. Ideas for Summit include guest speaker, discussion regarding how Youth

Ministry fit into the mission of the parish. Suggestion to invite youth to the Summit to share ideas. Theme-It Takes a Parish, Make connection with Pope's Synod on Young people, include Father Paddy and Randy McGraw in Summit planning process. Bob will call Father McGrath and invite him to speak November 4th. Discussion about invitations at September Meeting

Pastor's Report

Father Boland gave update on the parish. He shared that there are 842 students enrolled in the school this year and strong enrollment in RE programs. CHRP participants are renewed and revitalized and the Continuation Team is in place to help connect CHRP participants with OLPH parish community. Pope Francis declared August 31 as a World Day of Prayer for Creation Care and OLPH and St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church will come together for a prayer service. In the past parishioners from OL have attended prayer services at St. Peter and Paul and this year the Council at St. Peter and Paul suggested OLPH host the Day of Prayer. Bishop Kane and Bishop Demetrios will be at the prayer service which will include a reception with a speaker, Bob Langert, following the prayer service.

Father Boland gave an update on the Capital Campaign. \$300,000 was credited to OLPH from donations that were given by parishioners directly to the Archdioceses. OLPH is currently at 5.2 million. PPC will discuss 2nd phase projects which may include renovation of McDonnell Hall, Glenview Road refacing and STEM labs. Jim Dollard continues to be immersed into new role as Director of Finance. Four new staff members at OLPH this year focused on how to come together and continue to strengthen our parish and foster vitality at OLPH. We will welcome 2 seminarians to OLPH this year, committee will help welcome, connect and accompany seminarians as they spend time in their training here at OLPH. Men's Club and Liturgy Committee are preparing for the Block Party and Outdoor Mass. Father Boland gave update on diagonal parking, awaiting approval from village on final plans. Father Boland expressed gratitude for PPC and confidence that we can face any obstacles that may occur throughout the year.

Closing Prayer offered by Rob Orr

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mara Lindsay