

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2018**

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 Rob Orr*

Approval of Minutes

December minutes approved

Youth Ministry Update

Randy joined January PPC meeting. Updates for Youth Ministry include a summary of activities/gatherings in December and January which included a visit to Hilda’s Place which was attended by 11 youth and 9 adults, the OLPH Youth Job Fair which was attended by 107 youth. Upcoming events/gatherings include a Freshman/Sophomore Lock-In Retreat which is collaborative event with St. Norbert’s in January. Additional upcoming volunteer opportunities include Feed My Starving Children and Hilda’s Place in February. Randy stated that he is working to provide a diversity of events that appeal to a diverse group of youth interests.

During the season of Lent Randy will invite youth to participate in Friday activities and meals coupled with Stations of the Cross. Randy will continue to work with 8th grade students after they are confirmed and is currently working to engage 6th grade students as well.

Randy is working to form a Youth Advisory Board and an Adult/Parent Advisory Board with information/recruitment meetings coming up in January. Goal is to have Parent and Youth Boards in place by April.

Father Boland shared insights offered by parishioners at the Transformation Mini Retreat (Pat McGrath video and discussion regarding youth engagement 1/13/18). These goals/challenges for the Youth Ministry include creating a “critical mass” of youth participants, engaging youth leaders and working around the busy schedules of youth

today. PPC members contributed additional ideas for engaging youth which included forming partnerships with parents, peer groups and schools to connect with youth and encourage participation. PPC members reiterated the importance of providing youth with service opportunities, partnering with scheduled school activities. PPC members also suggested partnering with Young Life and other youth events with local parishes. Idea to use Instagram, Snapchat, Group Me and Remind apps, in addition to the existing Facebook page for communication and engagement.

Ideas for future activities also include bowling, Whirlyball, ski trip, use of the Palladium for an open gym night. In addition, Randy will work to make connections with youth through parish activities and events such as, masses, school/RE gatherings/service projects, CYO basketball and Roundball. Randy may also invite/encourage youth to participate in ministry events. PPC members emphasized the importance of personal connection with youth.

Father Lara contributed insights into youth connection and engagement and used the parable of the mustard seed to illustrate the importance of connecting with our youth.

Randy will continue to meet regularly with PPC and PPC ministry Liaisons to support the development of Youth Ministry and the engagement of parents and young people.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Boland presented a "year-to-date" update on the Parish. Fr. Boland shared the significance of the parish staff moving to the Parish Center and working in a collaborative, shared space. Fr. Boland reported that interactions and connections between staff members continue to grow and thrive as a result of the office move. Fr. Boland further explained the significance of integrating new staff members into the parish community.

Capital Campaign continues to deeply impact OLPH and enhance the vitality of our parish. Capital Campaign accomplishments include a school STEM Lab, installation of the Hearing Loop, construction/safety updates, the establishment of the RE offices, Hickey Hall and the staff offices in Parish Center. Second Phase of Capital Campaign projects will begin soon and may include an additional STEM Lab, 3rd floor of Parish Center, McDonnell Hall renovations, Glenview Road restructuring.

OLPH continues to be a vital parish community. Formation ministries including sacramental preparation, CHR, Hearts Afire, Kairos retreats continue to thrive. CHR Continuation Ministry is growing. New Spiritual Coaching/Companionship ministry is emerging. St. Catherine's and OLPH's Domestic Violence Ministries have joined together with significant impact. Creation Care continues to grow and thrive. Youth Ministry continues to emerge. Two new Women's Guilds have formed this year and

new members have joined the Men's Club. Seminarians have completed their first semester and continue to integrate into the OLPH community.

New ideas are emerging in the area of communications, information technology and digital ministry at OLPH. The Renew My Church initiative continues influence parishes within the Archdiocese. We will continue to grow in collaboration with other parishes in our grouping. OLPH will participate in ongoing communal prayer services and Lenten Mission with parishes in our grouping.

Ministry Appreciation

Laura gave an update on the planning of the Ministry Appreciation event coming up in February. Committee teams reported on planning progress and details for the event. PPC engaged in a more detailed discussion regarding the mass.

Parish Council Service Report

PPC will participate in Des Plaines Food Pantry meal service. Mike will research upcoming available dates.

PPC will work to organize a "Spring into Service" project. Choose date after Easter. Mara will contact Betty Collins to find out upcoming needs for service. Goal is to set up tables outside mass and invite different ministries to facilitate different tables which will offer a variety of service projects for people entering/leaving mass.

Transformation

Rob presented update on Parish Transformation. Rob emphasized the importance of Transformation as both communal and personal opportunity. Goal/challenge continues to be how to reach beyond core group of participants. Goal of Transformation Mini Camps is to engage more participants. Mini Camp session in January had 40 participants and a meaningful discussion after the airing of the video of Fr. Pat McGrath's talk on Youth Engagement. Upcoming Transformation Mini Camps will be on science and religion presented by Fr. Kartje on March 4th. Rob emphasized the importance of communication of this event and extending invitations to participants beyond OLPH community. Future Mini Camps will include a discussion with Terry Nelson Johnson from Old ST. Patrick's and Jon Kunz from St. Norbert's. Youth will be invited and encouraged to attend these sessions.

Catechesis- ongoing formation programs and initiatives continue to grow and thrive.

Communio-Each One Bring One continues to be integrated into ministries. The Ministry Resource Network continues to evolve as a result of Transformation. Products that began with Transformation continue to be integrated into the vitality of parish life at OLPH.

Engagement

Mara gave update Engagement initiatives and events. Advent theme was meaningful and well received. Positive feedback regarding “Await the Wonder” bulletins and signage. Engagement team will work to create a Lenten theme. OLPH 101 series has begun again. Engagement team will continue to work to upcoming communicate/invite parishioners to OLPH 101 sessions.

Miscellaneous

April Meeting rescheduled for April 23rd and will be a joint meeting the Finance Council

Emergency Operations Plan is almost complete. Document is close to being finalized and will then go to Archdiocese and the County for approval, then the “Train the Trainer” process will begin. Ministries will be called upon to participate in trainings connected to the Emergency Operations Plan.

Communication Update from Melissa included positive feedback regarding the Advent theme, new updates to website and a “media page” which is in the process of being built and will highlight videos, podcasts etc. Initiating Lenten themes

Current Communication/ Media stats:

2700 Friday email recipients

1482 Facebook likes/followers

129 Instagram followers

55 Twitter followers on Twitter

Melissa created a bulletin call for Communications Advisory Team formation. PPC members will connect with people who may be interested in participating in Communication Advisory Team.

Collaboration Meeting with parish grouping is planned for the morning of March 10th and will include coffee, snacks, introductions and a discussion about current successes and challenges. Goal is to collaborate with our grouping, and create a forum for idea sharing and relationship building.

Closing Prayer offered by Bob Michels

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mara Lindsay