

## OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2016

**PPC members present:** Margie André, Greg Bedell, Fr. Jerry Boland, Kevin Boyle, Nancy Detlefsen, Shannon Dowdle, Elizabeth Hoshaw, Mike Hood, Fr. Isaac Lara, Dave Ludden, Bill McCabe, Bob Michels, Jim Riley, Julie Ruchniewicz,

**Approval of Minutes:** Greg approved the minutes of March 21, seconded by Mike.

**Introduction of Candidates:** Bill introduced Bill Nelson, Laura Flentye, and Melissa Page, three of the candidates who applied for Parish Council. New candidates were invited to attend the first 30 minutes of the meeting.

**Transformation Update:** Margie, Julie, and Fr. Boland reported that the Transformation Meetings have been well attended by a diverse group of parishioners. People have spoken passionately about their concerns and have been encouraged to think and to dream boldly as they discuss the aspirations for our parish. There are strong feelings from those present at the meetings and also from our parish survey that we need to focus on our young people. Dave Ludden commended Julie for her efforts in obtaining survey results from our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade school and RE students. Bill McCabe commented on the different opinions, thoughts, and ideas presented. He said that there are also strong feelings about becoming a more engaged parish.

**Laudato Si Ministry Update:** Jim Riley reported that the first meeting of Laudato Si was well attended by about 20 people that included a couple of families. He said they talked about the environment, recycling, and energy use. They also discussed having a Mass in September on the Pope's Earth Day. Jim and Mark McKinley, co-leaders, are looking for a name for the ministry. Bill McCabe commented that the meeting was organized and well-done. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2.

**Dismissal of Candidates:** Bill McCabe thanked the new candidates for attending the meeting.

**Liturgy Update:** Dave Ludden and Mike Hood are the liaisons for Liturgy and Worship. Dave explained that with the resignation of Cathy Lentz, the position of Director of Liturgy and Evangelization was restructured as follows: Fr. Nick is the Director of Liturgy, Fr. Isaac is the Director of Evangelization, and Margie André performs the clerical duties. There is also a new ministry of Mass Coordinators. A Mass Coordinator will be present at each Mass to ensure that all Liturgical Ministers have arrived and to choose subs for positions not filled.

### Community Updates:

- **Parish Life** – Elizabeth Hoshaw reporting on Parish Life, said that the Women's Club had a very successful year, with 30 new members, 35 guilds, and more engagement by younger women. She commented on the success of the Daddy/Daughter dance, which was sold out. Elizabeth said that the OLPH Mom's group was started up again by Susan Logan. She also reported that the Phoenix group is not very active anymore and that the Singles Group has been dissolved.
- **Education and Spiritual Enrichment** – Greg Bedell reported that a meeting was held for their thirteen ministry leaders in February. Although the meeting was sparsely attended, it was productive. The representatives from CHRP were enthusiastic but said it was difficult to get leaders. Bible Study is strong and growing. A suggestion was made to bring all ministry leaders together to share ideas as we did two years ago. There was a request to repeat the succession planning presentation. Another suggestion was to integrate The City with Facebook.
- **Education and School Age** – Nancy Detlefsen reported that SPRED is working on a succession plan for a smooth transition when the current leader steps down.

- **Human Concerns** – Karen Navarre and Bob Michaels, liaisons for Human Concerns, held a meeting for ministry leaders and Fr. Boland at Karen's home. Bob reported that all of their ministries are in good shape. Sharing runs like "clockwork" with 70 to 80 heavily involved. Little by Little, run by Sue Walsh has been making trips to Haiti for ten years and plans to continue. Ministry of Care serves over 100 people with Rick Nash as ministry leader. Other ministries in their community are Knit for Life, Project Linus, Micah, Respect for Life, and Ministry of Praise. Bob reported briefly on each.

Ministries that are now being added to the Human Concerns Community: the Laudato Si Ministry, headed by Jim Riley and Mark McKinley; the Adoptive Parents Support Group, headed up by Joan Fortman; the Widow/Widower Support Group, headed up by Kathleen Underriner, and the Domestic Violence Support Group. Bob and Karen will follow up with these new Human Concerns ministries. The Meal Ministry will not be considered a separate ministry but is considered part of the Sharing Ministry.

**Capital Campaign:** PPC agreed on Option #2 for the Capital Campaign. After discussing the various projects that have been proposed, it was felt that we need more information before approval is given. Nancy Schwider will be invited to the May meeting to answer questions.

**Membership Process:** Next year's officers are: Bill McCabe, President; Mike Hood, Vice-President; Nancy Detlefsen, Secretary; Bob Michaels, Financial. There are eight candidates for the four open positions. We will begin interviews in a couple of weeks, and the candidates will be approved at the May meeting.

**Engagement:** Margie reported that the Engagement Committee will not meet until next week.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Boland reported that the new Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Hrvojevic, will begin on Wednesday, April 20. He also that a candidate for youth minister will be interviewed next week.

"Renew My Church" is moving forward, and OLPH has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of surveys completed.

Our refugee family is doing well. They have made great progress with their English, and the mother has gotten a job. The children at the 9:30 Mass in McDonnell Hall took up a "noisy collection" for the family.

**Closing Prayer:** Kevin Boyle read the closing prayer.