

## OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2016

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**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with approval of the Minutes of February 15, by Nancy, seconded by Karen.

**Engagement:** Margie reported that the Engagement Committee last met on February 3. They discussed highlighting a ministry each Sunday in the south vestibule with ministry members present to answer questions. The committee also plans to survey parishioners that have registered within the last year on how welcomed they feel and engaged they are. However, they held off on sending the survey so as not to conflict with the transformation survey. The committee also feels that the transformation process will likely drive some of their future plans.

It was suggested that highlighted ministries should be in both vestibules and that the Engagement survey be sent to registrants from the past two years instead of just one. Another suggestion is that new parishioners be contacted monthly or bi-monthly to keep them informed and in the loop. These suggestions will be taken back to the Engagement Committee.

**Church Hearing System:** Julie reported that she was approached by a hearing impaired parishioner, who asked if the church would consider installing a Hearing Induction Loop that would greatly help all those with hearing aids. The hearing devices now offered in church are sometimes broken or without fresh batteries and are not effective for those with profound hearing loss. Fr. Boland said although the cost of the loop is minimal, to install it would mean replacing the carpet. It was felt that there may be ways around replacing the entire carpet, and it was agreed that some other contractors be brought in to assess the situation.

**PPC Recruitment:** Requests for PPC applicants went out in the Women's Club blast today. Bill McCabe said that, presently, we have applications for two or three women and three or four men.

**New Ministry:** Jim reported on the new Laudato Si ministry. A meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, to discuss the formation. Jim and Mark have reached out to school, RE, Sharing, and EVOLVE. They urged the community liaisons to contact their ministry leaders regarding the new ministry and invite them to attend the meeting. Jim noted that this ministry is open to all ages, and their hope is to attract young people and families.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

# Finance Council and OLPH Pastoral Council Annual Joint Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2016

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**Finance Council members present:** Tom Zidar, Susan Logan, Victoria Hernandez, Colin Gubbins, Michael Monticello, Tom Schufrieder, Paul Just, Bob Pillion, Gary Gardner, John Teschky, Bobbie MacDonald

**Opening Prayer:** Margie André

**Welcome:** Shannon Dowdle welcomed the members of the Finance Council and there were brief introductions.

**Finance Council Report:** Nancy Schwider reported that the Planned Offertory pledges were up by 4%, and also that there is more electronic giving. She said we are projected to make budget with a 4.9 increase. She noted that we are still wrestling with First Fruits, but hope soon to raise it to 7% to move closer to our ultimate goal of 10%.

Building and Grounds has deferred a number of projects that need addressing. We may be able to use savings but may also have to use reserves. She also noted that the present reserves will be replenished when the remainder of the Capital Campaign pledges are paid. The finance council is working on a formal parish-wide policy regarding how reserves are utilized.

**Capital Campaign Update:** Nancy Schwider reported that the archdiocesan capital campaign will begin in June.

**PPC Report:** The following reports were presented on the topics PPC has focused on this year:

#### **Transformation – Karen Navarre**

- Archdiocesan Process
- Archdiocesan consultant, Jon Matousek, is engaging and on-task
- Twelve two hour weekly sessions
- Fifty plus parishioners have attended each meeting
- Looking at what we do well/What we can do better

#### **Laudato Si – Jim Riley**

- New Ministry to care for environment/planet
- Meeting on April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dussman Room to introduce new ministry
- All ages and families invited to attend
- Spoke with Amy Mill regarding the school and Cherie DeCesare regarding Religious Ed
- Spoke with Fr. Nick
- Would like input from other ministries

#### **Communities – Nancy Detlefsen**

- Ministries divided into five communities
- Two PPC members are assigned to each community to act as liaisons (reach out, give support, advice, guidance).

#### **The City – Greg Bedell**

- "The City" is an online community that is instrumental to welcoming, sharing and communication.
- PPC now communicates on "The City"
- Priests and staff have been posting points of interest that have been well-received
- Some parishioners and ministries are still not onboard
- We need more education on the benefits and how to use

#### **First Fruits – Dave Ludden**

- 6% to First Fruits
- PPC believes it is important
- Fewer collections
- Challenges us as givers
- Need more communication and education to get the entire parish onboard
- Next step is to go up to 7%; ultimate goal is 10%

**The Deanery – Julie Ruchniewicz**

- PPC president's term is four years; year four he or she attends Deanery meetings with other PPC members of our Vicariate
- This year's topics are Renew My Parish and Instrumentum Laboris (the official document on the family and the church)
- Fr. Kalis is the moderator

**Pastor's Remarks:** Fr. Jerry thanked everyone for their leadership and passion. He noted that one of our challenges is to get the young people connected. He feels that the interviews held with the Confirmation candidates from Religious Education were a reach-out to the future and that Easter is a time of renewal for our community of faith.

Fr. Jerry also noted the following staff transitions:

- Natalie Conseur, Director of Communications, has decided to stay on in her position.
- The Director of Liturgy position, vacated by Cathy Lentz, will be divided. Fr. Nick will be Director of Liturgy, Fr. Isaac will be Director of Evangelization, and Margie André will be Liturgy Assistant.
- There are two strong candidates for Max's position, and it should shortly be filled.
- There are two strong applicants for Youth Minister, and there is a good possibility that it will be filled by July 1.

**Closing Prayer:** Nancy Detlefsen

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.