

OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2016

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Bill McCabe	Y	Greg Bedell	Y	Mark McKinley	
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Bob Michels	Y	Bill Nelson	Y	Mike Hood	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara	Y	Cathy Condon	Y	Kevin Boyle	Y	Nancy Detlefsen	Y
		Dave Ludden	Y	Laura Flentye	Y	Rob Orr	Y
		Elizabeth Hoshaw	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Shannon Dowdle	Y

Action items are highlighted in Blue.

Opening Prayer: Rob Orr read the opening prayer.

New PPC Member: Bill Nelson: The PPC thanks John Thissen for his involvement and hard work on the Council. In his replacement, Bill Nelson will serve out his tenure. Bill has been a parishioner 27 years - he is an EM and previously served on the OLPH Finance Council. He looks forward to serving our parish in this capacity.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August meeting were approved. Motion made by Greg Bedell. Seconded by Mara Lindsay.

Renew My Church Campaign: Archbishop Cupich calls us to dream boldly about the future of our Archdiocese! All Parishes in the Chicago Archdiocese have been assigned a group. OLPH, St Norbert, Our Lady of the Brook and St Catherine Labouré are grouped together. We are called to capitalize on each other's strength and benefit from these strengths.

We must ask ourselves... What can we do to support each other's mission? How can we help one another? How can we pool resources to be most effective? October begins the next phase of this process. This is an issue that we are all involved in – we all have a stake. Decision made for the future of the church will be far more effective if we are all part of the conversation. Information will be available about how individuals can become involved in this process.

To Teach Who Christ Is: First gathering was last Wednesday for 80 families. Masses on Sept 18th also included this message. Co-Chairs have met and are making adjustments so that communication about the mission of the campaign can be made as effectively as possible. Feedback from masses on Sept 18th was strong – people understood why we are doing this.

Current Donations: \$1,100,000. Goal is just under \$5,500,000.

2016 Summit: Scheduled for November 19th at McDonnell Hall – 8am-1pm, including lunch.

Invites will include Ministry Leaders, PPC and critical OLPH staff. **PPC: Send additional invitees to Bill McKee by Sept 23.** Invite will note: if there is another member of the ministry that should participate, please let us know.

Invite will be sent out early week of Sept 26.

One goal: communicating the Parish Transformation and next steps of how we implement the vision of the Parish Transformation. Sub-committee is working on agenda and flow of day. Special Guest Speakers: Fr Ron Lewinski and Jon Matousek.

Bill will be sending out a checklist of things that need to take place. PPC Members can sign up for how they want to participate. Materials/supplies ordered and prepared will be as respectful to the environment as possible.

Youth Ministry Update: Greg Bedell, Laura Flentye and Nancy Detlefsen are working to host a handful of Youth Events during this academic year to keep our youth engaged at OLPH. November 6th will be the first Event – Pizza & Baggio after Mass. All local youth are welcome.

A Parish Town Hall will be held October 3rd to provide an update on Youth Ministry as a whole and talk about our events.

Transformation Update: October 7th is meeting with Vicar.

Outreach to Community Leaders: PPC Members should have reached out to their community leaders – communications should be sent out in a regular monthly manner. [Send Nancy Detlefsen any email address updates.](#) Some PPC members have had success in sending out individual emails, rather than a large distribution list.

Engagement/Communications Strategy: Dialogue about how to best use OLPH website, The City, Emails, Facebook, etc. Communications strategy is necessary for all of OLPH – including welcoming and engagement. We have many channels that do not interact together. In 2017, we need to ensure all communication channels are being used efficiently and effectively to communicate to our parishioners.

Parish Public Safety Plan: OLPH will be conducting a safety audit to ensure all areas of the campus are safe and secure during any emergency situation. The School and Religious Ed programs both have many practices in place. We want to ensure that the church and surrounding campus have similar practices. Fr Boland will communicate tips and reminders to the congregation. Examples of potential improvements include: centralized key system, playground area secure from vehicles. Not only do we want OLPH safe and secure, but we want practices in place so that if there is a local tragedy and locals want to gather at OLPH we have guidelines for operating under emergency situations.

Needy Family Fund: Our fund fluctuates throughout the year and this time of year is the low-season of its budget. OLPH is ever grateful to the Men's Club in sponsoring the Block Party, which raised over \$100,000 to this fund.

Many activities are underway within this ministry – and it coordinating with other ministries...

- Beatrice is working hard to gather information and meet all of the constituents involved in her coordinator position.
- The Family Fund Board is also meeting as needed to keep the ministry strong.
- The Career/Business Network Ministry is also working to help people with entry level positions.

Pastor's Report: The beginning of the school year has brought a great deal of excitement to our Parish. The Creation and Domestic Violence Ministries are flourishing – which is fabulous!! All of this excitement does present many issues with regard to meeting room space. We are in great need of additional small/medium size spaces for small group meetings. This is a terrific problem to have – and we will find ways to solve the problem.

Nancy Schwider, Director of Parish Operations & Stewardship, will be retiring on July 1st. We are beginning to think through filling this position and how we want to tackle it. Many terrific ideas are being shared to ensure a smooth transition.

Closing Prayer: Bob closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Detlefsen.