

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

**PPC members present:**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Mike Hood read the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from October meeting were approved.

**To Teach Who Christ Is:** Very busy weekend with putting campaign in front of the congregation. Community was very gracious and took time to go through process. Many understood why we are doing this and expressed support. Like anything, there are situations in people’s lives that affect how much come can contribute.

Currently committed to over \$4M. The closer we get to \$5M, the more of our projects we can fund.

Biggest next step is to get as many people to complete their donations. We would like to see all parishioners commit to some sort of a donation. Goal is for over 1000 families to make pledges/donations.

Network of volunteers was terrific – tremendous coverage at all masses.

**2016 Summit & Transformation Update:** Summit took place November 19<sup>th</sup> in McDonnell Hall. Special thanks to Marge Andre and Rob Orr for all of their hard work to make this event a tremendous success. Their hard work made the day extra special. There was a synergy in the room around the Transformation Process. Seeing things through Fr Lewinski’s eyes was tremendous.

Video will be available by Rob.

Rob is now meeting with Natalie to talk through next steps. Although sharing this message with 45 is critical – we need to move it further forward. This next kick-off will take place in early 2017. Many ideas for moving forward, including communications, web updates, videos, brochures. The team is anxiously awaiting moving forward with the Transformation.

Council needs to engage ministries and talk up videos, brochures, tools and sow seeds for how they can integrate this into their work. January event should extend to as large of a community as possible to widely communicate the work of this process.

**Shannon, Bill, Elizabeth & Mara to work together to talk about how we can integrate technology into our Holiday services to engage more people.**

**Youth Ministry Update:** Members of PPC and Search Committee had meeting with 2 Diocesan people who are former Youth Ministers. We were able to fine tune the position we are looking for and hope to post right after Jan 1. We are very energized that we will have success in finding a successful candidate to run our Youth Ministry.

Discussion around having more than one youth mass per month.

Fr Lara took several members of the Youth Community to an event in Fall, 2016. We will be hosting service event(s) in early 2017 and will also have an event on Holy Thursday to take Youth to churches around the city.

**Parish Public Safety Plan:** The Emergency Management plan will be comprehensive, in that we have 10 buildings and responses for all sorts of disaster and emergency situations. Mike Hood has researched a variety of ways we can best execute our emergency plan. PPC and Fr Boland approved moving forward with Mike's suggestion of working with Cook County to create this plan. One of the biggest keys will be communicating the plan after it is created. Team will be determined by Fr Boland and Mike Hood will then work to move forward with the plan.

Centralized key system is being implemented in late 2016.

**Parish Communication Strategy:** Communication strategy will be implemented in 2017. We have many channels at this point – The City, Website, Weekly Newsletter. Each individually is powerful, but none talk/work together or overlap. Most of the reasons for our communications is that of engagement. We need to determine how to move forward with this strategy so that we can have a productive solution. The viability and success of The City needs to be analyzed. Engagement Committee needs to be heavily involved in this.

**PPC/Green Initiatives:** Mara attended a Laudato si' committee. Parish Recycling is the goal for 2016. They are creating a proposal for Fr Boland. They are analyzing what is currently being done and what gaps exist. Per PPC, Best Practices for group meetings would be helpful. The group is working to help all ministries understand how they can help with recycling efforts.

**Parish Finance Position:** Nancy will be retiring in June, 2107. She handles Operations and Facilities. A job description is being created and will be posted in 2017. We are working to have more transparency between school and parish finances. The person that takes on this new role will handle oversight of both entities.

**Pastor's Report:** The past 48 hours have been significant. Over 70 participated in Kairos, Guild 30 collected 41,000 cans of food, the Summit took place, a push for donations for To Teach Who Christ Is was pervasive at all masses. An overwhelming and moving weekend for all – so much vitality and energy shared by all. A tremendous thanks to all who are involved in the Parish.

**Closing Prayer:** Dave Ludden closed the meeting with a prayer.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Detlefsen.*