

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes - April 17, 2017

PPC members present:

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

Welcome to PPC Candidates – Applicants for the Parish Council attended the first part of our meeting. PPC Members introduced ourselves so that applicants can reach out with any questions.

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from March were approved.

Transformation Update – Rob provided background on the Parish Transformation Process and an update on where things are at. One key component is that of “welcoming” and “Catechists”. Bulletin articles are being published regularly. One element that is being launched is the idea of “Each One, Bring One” – an initiative geared toward having people bring others to our services and events. This will be brought forward now – with a large push toward Pentecost.

How do we measure if Transformation is successful – through the joy, handshakes and smiles seen at our Parish.

Parish Council will work to drive this initiative to and through our Ministry Communities.

Creation Care Ministry Update – Mark McKinley provided an update on the Creation Care Ministry that OLPH has launched over the past year. This ministry was born because of the Laudato Si encyclical from 2015. Jim Riley and Mark McKinley are the founders of this Ministry, which has regular monthly meetings (first Monday of each Month) and has gained traction from our congregation – including people that work for the EPA and many other highly informed members. Some of their big wins to date include: recycling efforts at the Block Party and Appreciation Event. Recycling efforts throughout our campus are also underway.

Upcoming events include a movie night – the documentary “Before the Flood” – in Hickey Hall on April 27th at 7pm. This weekend, with help from Mara Lindsay, we will be outside each mass in honor of Earth Day answering questions. Regular Bulletin articles and Prayers of the Faithful are also a part of our efforts. The Solar Panel project has received press recently – an update will be made later in our meeting.

Meeting carried on without PPC Applicants.

Youth Ministry Update - Fr. Boland provided an update on Youth Ministry Search Efforts. We have a candidate who has accepted the position. Position officially begins July 1, 2017. This information will be published in early May.

Renew My Church - Fr. Boland continues to move into the heart of things for the Archdiocese. Certain Groupings are more directed where there might be problems/issues. There is anxiety in the Diocese about how we determine which parishes are viable or not and those that may merge. We do not want this effort to be associated with Parishes closing – it is about vitality!!

Regarding OLPH, a retired priest is moving to the area. We are thinking about how this person may be able to assist all parishes.

In Fall, 2017, we'd like to have a social joint meeting with all Parish Councils. We want to think of creative partnerships and ways to have a strong relationship. Ideas of working together with various ministries is very exciting – there is so much opportunity! There are collaborative efforts with: Religions Education, School Boards, Youth Ministry – and so much more.

PPC Recruitment Next Steps – Bill and Mike provided an update on the PPC Applicants and next steps. 20 people have submitted applications. 5 people are rolling off of the PPC.

Solar Project/Renovation Update – Fr. Boland provided an update on the Solar project. OLPH and Sts Peter & Paul have had a joint effort to have a Solar Panel Project made possible through a Grant. There were over 100 applications for this Grant. We are one of 10 sites selected for a feasibility study. Last week we had engineers come to analyze our set-up and build out case study for OLPH being a site for solar energy.

The Second Phase of the Renovations are under way – asbestos removal and renovation to 2nd floor of convent. Space will then be modified for office/meeting spaces. Offices in the Rectory will move to the Convent 2nd floor. Plaza renovation will also be starting renovation shortly. We are looking to partner with the village to handle construction. An upgrade to the sound system of the church is also on target to take place. One STEM lab will be built over the summer.

Parish Finance Position Update – Many candidates have submitted applications. The Finance Committee will then move forward with interviews.

Pastor's Report

Closing Prayer