

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council

March 20, 2017

The Parish Pastoral Council met initially as a group from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and then was joined at 7:30 p.m. by the Parish Finance Council for a joint meeting. At the initial portion of the meeting with just the Parish Pastoral Council, the following items were addressed:

Approval of Minutes – Minutes approved.

Appreciation Mass Review – Huge thank you to the PPC for all of the hard work. Food order was just right – alcohol order might be modified so that beer is not purchased next year – or a smaller amount is purchased. **Next year – 1 fewer turkey sandwich, veggie tray, 1 cheese/cracker and chip/dip. Remove pastry tray from Misericordia order.** Recycling efforts went over very well. Glassware, recycled paper products, recycling stations – things were well organized and not a plastic bottle was in sight!

PPC Recruitment - 3 Applicants to date. Advertisement has been in bulletin for the past few weeks. April 2nd is deadline for applications. Interviews will be after the April 17th meeting.

Youth Ministry Update – We have 4 candidates in the interviewing pool at this time. We are confident we will be able to find a strong candidate for this position. More information will be available at the April Meeting. Liturgy team is also working on how to make the Youth Mass more youth centric.

Finance Council Report – Bob Pillion (from the Finance Council) shared some of the big things the finance council has been working on.

- Parish & School interaction
- Nancy Schwider's position has been posted – working through resumes/interviews.
- Some structure has been changing over the past few months.
- Working on building reserves for facilities and maintenance.
- Reviewing budget for next year.
- Internal controls and transparency between parish and school, Men's Club, Women's Club, Sr Paulanne, etc...

There was discussion regarding communicating to the Parish the costs involved in keeping the Parish running day-to-day. Beyond publishing these costs in the Bulletin, perhaps a strategy similar to the "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign where we develop signage outlining costs involved. The goal would be to reinforce the importance of our weekly collection.

Capital Campaign Update – Great success, raised over \$5.1M – 94% of the goal. Challenges from campaign included: short turnover from last campaign, 20% fewer people gave in this campaign, timeframe of start to finish and learning curve. Successes from campaign included:

quickly shifting course as needed, over \$5M was raised, high average gift amount, tremendous renovations are underway...

PPC Report – Bill McCabe reported on the role of the PPC and our yearly goals. Goals are to be a sounding board for Fr Boland and not to drive agendas, but to assist in moving things along. We support ministries segmented by topic, with PPC Members acting as Liaisons to help trouble shoot problems or issues that might arise. 2016/17 goals included – helping grow/expand Transformation Process, communication strategy to help with Engagement, and assist with Capital Campaign.

Mike Hood spoke on the Emergency Operations Plan we are building. This would help with either a medical emergency at mass or a larger situation on campus or at a local level.

Rob Orr spoke on the Parish Transformation Process. There are many very attainable goals. We have had to slow down for the Capital Campaign and a few other efforts, but there are many initiatives underway.

Nancy Detlefsen talked about Youth Ministry hiring process and where things are at.

Shannon Dowdle reported on the Deanery. She gave overview of the Deanery she sits on and how things run.

Pastor's Remarks – Many thanks to both PPC and Finance council for all of the hard work that helps make our Parish outstanding. 4 new members of Parish Staff in the works – including Youth Minister, Director of Communications – there is a tremendous need to strong communication and ability to work with the team. Capital Campaign was tremendously successful – so many exciting improvements will be made. Confirmation took place yesterday for RE candidates – it was a tremendous success. Roundball wrapped up this week – the enthusiasm was unbelievable and much fun was had.