

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes - May 15, 2017

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Bill McCabe	Y	Greg Bedell	Y	Mark McKinley	N
Fr. Nick Kostyk	N	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

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes

Present List of Proposed PPC Candidates -- Mike Hood presented an overview of the processed with the PPC candidates. Based on the recommendation of the outgoing PPC members, Fr Boland and new PPC Leadership, a slate of candidates was presented to the group. All candidates are heavily involved in OLPH and have a great passion for our church.

All candidates will be reached out to this week regarding if they were/were not selected. The interview process also included letting people know other areas of the Parish they may want to participate in – Mike will speak with candidates who do not become part of the PPC regarding other areas they may want to participate – i.e., Engagement, Youth, etc...

Some of the more successful parts of this process included sending personal emails asking people to apply and using Signup Genius for slotting interviews. Recommendation for future – longer interview timeframe a minimum of 20 minutes is recommended.

Deanery Update – Shannon gave an update on her most recent Deanery Meeting. Guest was Ann Marie from Women’s Council of the Archdiocese. This council started in 1998 and focuses on women’s issues. 3 ladies from each Vicariate are on the council. They are traveling parish to parish to speak about Renew my Church and speak about issues that affect women – i.e., reflections on the gospel, domestic violence, etc. These will be 90 minute presentations starting in the Fall. Bill McCabe will work to facilitate this in the fall so that OLPH can partake in these events.

St Norbert’s and Our Lady of the Brook are now transitioning into the Catholic Community of Northbrook.

It was encouraged for Parish Councils to get to know each other and communicate events that may be of interest for the other parishes. We want everyone to feel welcome and benefit from each other. OLPH has started this work and it will continue over the upcoming years.

Transformation “Each One. Bring One.” – Rob spoke with the PPC about the power and importance of the individual ask. Activating this can bring so much potential to our Church. The Liturgy Group has been very active – huge thanks to them. We are working to have a summer

retreat – bringing them back to transformation. We recently celebrated a year of transformation and will be putting out a video that provides a year in review and includes where we are headed next. The catechesis, youth and finance groups have all been meeting independently and have a great deal to share in terms of their findings and ideation. Launch of “Each One. Bring One.” will take place at Pentecost.

Asking the PPC that when these fliers are made up, the PPC does a physical ask to the ministry leads so they can understand the power of the personal ask.

OLPH Communications Overview/Engagement/Parish Communication Strategy – Melissa Conroy started in February, 2017. She’s off to a terrific start in her position of managing communications for the Church. Melissa shared that her role includes bulletin content management, Friday email blast content/creation, website updates (add events, stories, etc), requests for fundraisers, seasonal mailings, holy week/liturgical materials, annual report, etc...

OLPH has many vehicles for communications – ensuring we are as effective and have a concise message is important. Ensuring communication tools are used to their highest potential is critical. The Friday email receives tremendous kudos – we want to keep this strong. Melissa is also working to leverage what one group does well to another who might need assistance.

ACS who runs “The City” will stop maintaining this user community and OLPH will no longer be able to utilize this tool effective mid-year. Melissa is reviewing our communications strategy to determine what we have learned and what next steps may be.

Determining how our website works and where there is room for improvement is a priority for the Parish. A group to tap into for feedback on the website is RCIA. Fr Lara is happy to help with communication to this group. Ensuring the website has the right information and is easily accessible is a top priority.

The mission of the Engagement Committee is a key element that needs to be determined before a great deal of work is done. There are many ages/backgrounds/profiles of our congregation – we want to hit everyone using a variety of channels.

Youth Ministry Update - Fr. Boland provided an update on Youth Ministry. Randy is very excited to start working as our Youth Minister. He will be meeting with Fr McGrath at Loyola to talk about how we can build bridges and work together. He is reaching out to parents to work together and looks forward to attending a PPC meeting in his early days. Space is also being built out with flexibility for future growth.

Construction Update – We are into the second phase of the capital campaign. The most urgent thing will be renovating the plaza in front of the church and parking in front of the church. We will be upgrading the sound in the church – our music department is thrilled about this. The second floor is working through demolition and asbestos abatement. The elevator needs replacement and a ramp in front of the building is also moving forward. By end of the summer, we hope the Youth office is complete. 3rd floor of Rectory will be a common space for the

Priests. The STEM lab is also under way – we hope it is functional for the beginning of this year. A new science curriculum is being implemented throughout all grades.

Ministry Updates – Bill noted the importance of reaching out to our various ministries. As we wrap up this year, we want to stay in touch with these leaders and transition appropriately. Let's all focus on our ministries and ensure we are staying on top of them and communicating as thoroughly as possible.

Pastor's Report – Father reflected on his first 3 years as Pastor at OLPH and how that time coincides with the current PPC members rolling off their 3 year terms. So many ideas and concepts we had no idea that over time would become what they have – Renew my Church, Parish Transformation, our capital campaign, Christmas Eve mass in the Playdium, Youth Ministry, etc....

Closing Prayer