

OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2016

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	N	Cathy Condon	Y	Kevin Boyle	N	Nancy Detlefsen	Y
		Dave Ludden	Y	Laura Flentye	Y	Rob Orr	N
		Elizabeth Hoshaw	N	Mara Lindsay	Y	Shannon Dowdle	Y

Action items are highlighted in Blue.

Opening Prayer: Mara Lindsay read the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September meeting were approved.

To Teach Who Christ Is: OLPH Volunteers have done an extraordinary job with this campaign. We continue to tweak how things are running so that we can be successful for our OLPH parishioners. There has been a great deal of effort by the Coordinators of this campaign, as well as Fr Boland. Currently in visitation Phase – where we are trying to communicate campaign goals and objectives. Projects identified for campaign have a great deal of support. They touch nearly all aspects of life at OL. We continue investing in the future of our parish and in the future of our Archdiocese from an educational standpoint. One specific targeted area is enhancing the Religious Education programs that are used – ensuring we are using the state of the art curriculum.

Challenges have included setting up meetings. The word is getting out – it is a slow process. Consulting company wants this to be a grass roots process – small groups/one-on-one events. All mailers should be received by October 28th.

Response has been strong to date. Biggest obstacles are timing for having just come off of previous capital campaign. We are in the 6th and final wave – there was no ability to further postpone this effort.

Current Donations: ~ \$1,700,000. Goal: ~ \$5,500,000.

2016 Summit: Scheduled for November 19th in McDonnell Hall – 8am-12:30pm, including breakfast and a snack. Invite have been sent out – currently have 30+ attendees. PPC should be at event at 7:15am.

Agenda is under development – core focus: Parish Transformation. **Draft Agenda will be sent to PPC in coming weeks for review.**

Speakers: Fr Lewinski, Jon Matousek, Rob Orr, Marge Andre

Youth Ministry Update: OLPH is actively searching for a Youth Minister to lead a strong program for all Youth at OLPH. In the meantime, we would like to have some Youth Events focusing on Fellowship and Service for our youth community – we continue to determine the best strategy for this interim solution. We are also working with the Department of Parish Life and Formation in advertising this position and enlisting their help in finding a qualified candidate.

Transformation Update: October 7th was the official meeting with Bishop Kane. Report was presented and meeting was very successful and productive. Bishop followed up with Fr Boland acknowledging that a terrific presentation was made. He was very positive about The Summit being the initial launching point of the Transformation Process. Jan 1st will be the more official start to this process.

We have a plan that will have enormous consequences. We need to deal with the fact that a significant number of people do not go to church. 2/3 of our members are not actively involved. Much of our work is to invite, include and persuade people to participate. The personal ask and invite is always the strongest tool.

Transformation is a life-long task. We are moving toward transformation – it is a moving target. We will never be “finished”.

Deanery Report: Shannon Dowdle presented an update on Deanery activities. She attended her first meeting. Roadmap for Renew My Church was presented. This is a multi-year initiative to not just renew buildings, but renew the vitality of our church. This process will take many years – more than a dozen years likely.

The Department of Parish Life and Formation has resources our Parish can tap into to help our parish – with SPREAD, Youth Ministry, etc. This group is a support for OLPH. We will be able to leverage from other parishes and share the vast learnings we have had at OLPH.

Goals: Expand ourselves as the church. Make sure we are welcoming. Act as evangelizers – listen, model and participate.

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. 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.

Centralized Key system and Playground Surround are in the works.

Needy Family Fund: Beatrice, our Social Worker (employed by Catholic Charities), is working out very well. She works well with Sr. Paulanne and is progressing in her position. We are directing people to the right resource and helping quicker. The Needy Family Fund Board is doing oversight on the Mission of this Ministry. We are having more and more situations of mental illness and senior citizens without an adequate support system. Our goal is self-sufficiency – we always try to achieve this. We help for a period of time – but can't be the forever resource. Our Social Worker is helping work toward this goal.

Pastor's Report: The Parish is in full-swing and Father is very appreciative of all the hard work made by so many of our Parishioners.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Detlefsen.