

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
02~10-2025 7:30pm
Parish Center Third Floor Conference Room 1**

PPC Members Present:

Fr. Jerry Boland X	Marilyn Jansen X	Mike Crowe X	Brian Callahan X
Bridget Baumstark X	Cindy Rourke X	Kevin Dougherty X	Tom Huffman
Sara Carsten X	Kevin Ryan X	Sandy McBreen X	Tracey Zabriskie X
John Simons X	Laura Roche X	Danielle Schuh X	Ben Parma X

PPC Mission: OLPH is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to His teachings. We take as our mission in the world the living out of the Gospel of Jesus.

Opening Prayer: (Ben Parma)

Approval of January Minutes: (Laura Roche) Approved

Ministry Appreciation Event Debrief: (Kevin Dougherty)

The council had a great conversation about the successful Appreciation Mass and reception held on February 8th in the Playdium. It was estimated that there were roughly 170+ in attendance. Many thanks were extended to the team and especially to Kevin, who led the logistics and coordination of the events. Kevin did request that we send any suggestions or feedback to him so that he could record and include for next year. Father Boland commented on how warm and welcoming the Playdium felt and that the acknowledging of the ministries is greatly appreciated. The church was packed for the 5:00 Mass and there was lots of synergy felt. He also subsequently spoke with parishioners who attended the event and they “loved it”. The PPC was able to turn a large, cavernous location into a very intimate and welcoming event.

Administrative Items: (Mike Crowe)

The Council approved Mike Crowe to continue as Chair, for one more year. Marilyn Jansen will hold the role of Vice Chair in the Fall. Sara Carsten agreed to stay on for one more year as PPC Liaison. Brian Callahan and Tom Huffman have also agreed to continue on the Council for one more year.

Recruiting Outreach: (Mike Crowe)

It appears we will be recruiting for 5 spots on the Council for next year. To get the word out, Kevin Dougherty will be asking for testimonials from existing members so that they can be circulated in the bulletins for potential members to read. If any current PPC members are aware of potential new members, we are to forward them to Kevin, who will follow up with applications and interviewing specifics.

Ministry Updates: Parish Life (Brian Callahan & Kevin Ryan)

Boy Scouts – Currently 30 participants, 23 boys and 7 girls. Recent pancake breakfast brought in \$5,000.

Girl Scouts – Currently 135 total, with 43 new this year. Programs 100% funded by cookie sales.

Parish Engagement – Alpha Program to be launched in April.

Business Networking – On an as-needed basis. Not much usage or requests.

Knights of Columbus – Normally hold meetings at St. Catherines. May be looking to have a meeting at OLPH.

Welcoming Committee – No longer a ministry.

Stepping Out – Looking to expand the group. Currently they get about 10-20 at each event.

Men's Club – established and running well.

Women's Club – Established and running well. 36 guides, roughly 900+ members.

Youth Group – Zoe Sundstrom is doing a great job and always looking to grow participation and events.

MSG – Bill Harlan doing well and always interested in gathering more participants.

Pastor's Updates: (Fr. Boland)

Capital Campaign Projects:

The Cardinal launched the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign with a kickoff event on February 3rd at Our Lady of the Wayside. OLPH parishioners filled up 4 tables. Our goal is 6 million dollars- what the OLPH Campaign Committee came up with. Currently there is \$700K already pledged. There will be an information meeting held at OLPH to communicate this information to other OLPH parishioners. The Campaign Committee agreed that there is a need to increase the number of contributing participants while also trying to increase the contribution amounts. This informational meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 19th.

Facilities - The Facilities Director, Mike Hrvojevic, has accepted another position and is no longer working at OLPH. He was with us 9 years and did a tremendous job with the school, church, and the extended facilities we have in operation. A search has begun for his replacement. If anyone is familiar with any qualified candidates, please forward their name to Father.

McDonnell Hall update - The paperwork for McDonnell Hall has been submitted to the Archdiocese and should turn around quickly. Anticipating a start date soon.

Lenten Holy Week – The Liturgy committee is already preparing for the Lenten Season. It was mentioned that there may be a desire to have a priest from OLPH in Puerto Rico come to speak at OLPH in Glenview. More to come on this.

New Business:

- 1) St. Joseph's Men Day – Brian Callahan circulated a brochure identifying a Day of Reflection for men from teenagers and up. This event will be held on Saturday, March 29th in the Playdium. Members were encouraged to circulate the information.
- 2) Stations of the Cross - John Simon asked the PPC if there was any interest in leading one of the remaining Fridays for the Stations of the Cross that are held during Lent. The council agreed to lead the Stations of the Cross at OLPH on Friday April 4th. Specifics to follow.
- 3) A request was made to move the start time of the PPC monthly meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This was accepted by the committee and will go into effect with the March 2025 meeting.

Closing Prayer: (Sandy McBreen)