

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

10/6/2025 7:00pm

Parish Center Third Floor Conference Room 1

PPC Members Present

Fr. Jerry Boland X	Mike Crowe X	Matt Kline X	Danielle Schuh X
Chad Barney	Kevin Dougherty	Margaret Pasquesi X	Tracey Zabriskie
Kim Bredemann X	Tom Huffman X	Laura Roche X	
Brian Callahan X	Marilyn Jansen X	Cindy Rourke X	
Sara Carsten X	Elisa Kline X	Kevin Ryan 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 (Marilyn Jansen)

Approval of September Minutes (Danielle Schuh) Approved

Updates on Synodal Process (Mike Crowe)

Mike began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming out on a different Monday than our usual schedule. This is necessitated since Fr. Jerry will be leading a parish group in pilgrimage from Lisbon to Madrid beginning later this week. The Archdiocesan PPC is most appreciative of our detailed and thoughtful answers to their September Synodal Survey. Try saying that three times fast. As a result they would like to join us for our November meeting to observe and explore some areas more in depth. This will take place during our regular meeting on Monday, November 17.

OLPH United Update (Mike Crowe for Kevin Dougherty)

Kevin D. is out sick this month so Mike stepped in with the update. Preparations are more or less complete for the renamed parish summit to be held the morning of Saturday, November 1 in the Playdium. There will be one or two more planning calls to tie up any loose ends and finalize roles. Everyone is invited to these calls, look for reminder emails from Kevin D. for exact dates and times. The theme for OLPH United is "Friendships in Communion", reflecting on our communion with God and each other. OLPH school alum and final year seminarian Luke Lato is the keynote speaker. Also on the program will be status updates from Fr. Boland on both the Capital Campaign projects and the pastor transition process. Promotions about the event have been running in the bulletin and will be followed by a video on the website that will also be shared in Terry Luc's daily email. Kim took the reigns on initiating babysitting

services during the program to enable younger parishioners with little children to attend. Look for a forthcoming email from Kim with details.

Sharing Committee Report (Laura Roch & Elisa Kline)

Laura and Elisa attended the latest meeting of the Sharing Committee/Sister Paulanne's Needy Family Fund. Laura led the report on their current activities. Both are well established, long lasting ministries at OLPH, dating back to the tenure of Rev. Myles McDonnell. The Sharing Program as a whole supports four Chicago parishes in dire need of help feeding the poor in their neighborhoods. Donations of food to the Sharing Room continue to grow but have still not consistently returned to pre-covid levels. Hopefully this gap can be closed for good starting in November with the Women's Club annual canned food drive. The newly created Teen Service Board is also a possible avenue for increased outreach in the food drive. Betty Collins has asked for any help or ideas on how to increase marketing scope. Parishioners are definitely aware and involved in donating but the message of the increasing GREAT need is sometimes still lost. The meeting also had a presentation from the Needy Family Fund Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to support Sister Paulanne with some structure around financial and legal best practices. The NNF has thrived for years and the committee has ensured the financial viability remains strong. Tom Hart and Mary Anne Bobrinskoy have been instrumental in this success. Parishioner Mitty Higley has been hired as the new social worker replacing Sister Anna who returned to India last summer. Mitty has already been a great help and will be an outstanding asset. Unfortunately the NNF has seen an increase in the number of single mothers seeking help as well as a dramatic growth in victims of domestic violence. Laura and Elisa also handed out information on the NNF goals as well as their efforts to leverage and grow strategic relationships.

Pastor Transition Update (Fr. Jerry Boland & Sara Carsten)

Sara is acting as our PPC transition liaison to the Archdiocese this year. To assist in the process Sara is building an updated Parish Profile. As a guide Sara is using the profile designed by Tom Schufreider in 2013. Fr. Jerry stated the PPC profile helped him immensely when he went through his own onboarding 12yrs ago, much more so than any official materials he was given from the Archdiocese. Copies of the 2013 outline were distributed to each PPC member to allow for any proposed comments and/or edits. Margaret, Marilyn and Cindy volunteered to help pull the edits together. Later in October the Archdiocese will begin the process of reaching out to potential pastors. Fr. Jerry mentioned seeing all of the email activity and these meetings being scheduled has brought home the fact this is real and he will actually be leaving next summer. Members of the Priest Personnel Board will also be visiting OLPH on November 18 to meet with both the PPC and the Finance Committee. These consultations seem to be more productive than the previous Town Hall type meetings. Again, the idea behind these meetings is to learn what qualities a new pastor will need to succeed in keeping our parish vibrant while leading us in the years ahead. This

meeting means we will be getting together on back to back nights Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18. Our time has not been set yet but will be in the early evening.

Pastor's Updates (Fr. Jerry Boland)

OLPH Safety Updates

Following up on our September meeting Fr. Jerry reiterated since the terrifying church school shooting in Minneapolis, enhanced safety measures have vaulted to the top of our priority list. Money from the Capital Campaign was already earmarked for certain projects but panic bars on all the doors in the main church are now the first order of business. These will cost upwards of \$50,000 and work should be completed by the end of October. An enhanced security assessment has also been commissioned and will take place by November. Many ideas are already under consideration, but we will wait until the audit is complete and recommendations are made. Our busy campus welcomes between 1,500 and 2,000 visitors per day. There is some disconnect between what changes the Glenview Police Dept. and Fire Dept. would prefer. As discussed at our September meeting the church will be locked during mass when the school and RE children are present. We will also keep the church locked during the day with Lady Chapel remaining available for prayer. No doubt this change will be an annoyance for parishioners but these steps are necessary at this time.

McDonnell Hall

No real changes here, the completion target date remains December 1. Fingers crossed this means we will be able to use the new space for the Christmas season.

Capital Campaign Update

Donations continue to come in. The Steering Committee is pouring through the money already allotted and the proposed projects to come up with a plan. As stated earlier enhanced safety measures are the number one concern and the panic bars are the first project. Regular meetings will continue and updates will be shared.

Parish Programming

Things have been off to the usual fantastically busy start for the school year. The tent on the rectory lawn has been a great resource all summer with no McDonnell Hall. We've been able to utilize it for the RE Family Program this fall but with the onset of cooler weather the tent will come down at the end of October. This will mean the end of the 9:30 mass until McD Hall reopens. The newly created Teen Service Board is also gaining momentum with several upcoming events in October & November.

Closing Prayer (Danielle Schuh for Kevin Dougherty)

Meeting Minutes (Kevin Ryan)

Fellowship Snacks- (Elisa Kline) Beverages- (Laura Roche)