

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022, 7:30 Dussman Room**

PPC members present:

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| Fr. Patrick Kizza | X | Patti Lawler | X | Mike Wycklendt | X | Brian Callahan | X |
| Tom O'Brien | X | Bridget Baumstark | X | Gretchen Zagzebski | X | Tom Huffman | X |
| Mark Cullum | X | Steve Schmidt | X | John Simons | X | Sandy McBreen | X |
| Sara Carsten | X | John Nicolau | X | Mick Bajakian | 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 offered by Mark Cullum

Approval of Minutes

The June meeting minutes were approved.

Welcome 2022-2023 New Members

Mark Cullum welcomed the incoming members of the PPC: Ben Parma, Brian Callahan, Mick Bajakian, Sandy McBreen and Tom Huffman. Mark shared that the new members met for a brief orientation last week to review the bylaws, the orientation power point and the PPC calendar.

All members of the PPC signed the Confidentiality agreement. Mark reviewed the calendar and there was discussion about the date for the Parish Summit. An exact date will be decided soon and Mark asked everyone to think about potential keynote speakers for the Summit for discussion at the August meeting. The Ministry Appreciation mass and reception was held in May of this year due to a Covid spike but it has historically been held the last Sunday in February. There may be a conflict with that date and it was suggested that maybe we should consider holding the Mass/Reception in October to possibly avoid another Covid spike, Lent and Easter conflicts. Discussion will continue at the August meeting.

Patti also reviewed the process for meeting sign up responsibilities through SignUp Genius. She will send members an email tomorrow with the instructions.

Ministry Liaison PPC pairings

Mark and Sara reviewed the updated pairings for the Ministry Liaisons and explained to the new members the importance of the PPC forming a connection with their assigned ministries as a way of support. Patti is working with Linda Feo and Terry Luc to confirm the new ministry leaders in order to update the ministry leader list. Sara discussed different ways to connect such as an email/phone call to the leaders as well as to obtain a roster of that ministry's members. It was also mentioned that PPC liaisons reporting back to the PPC will give all PPC members an idea of what is actually going on in the various ministries.

Goal Setting Process:

Mark discussed the importance of establishing 2-3 key goals to pursue and support the parish and guide us in that support. Mark suggested that Renew my church goal should continue and we should work together with our cluster of parishes to promote each other's activities. We could continue the goal of Creating deeper ministry engagement as we look to refill our pews. John and John suggested a Religious Education support goal and/or a joint School/RE support goal as a way to support our leadership and engage the youth and families of our parish. Tom mentioned that it would be great if we could create opportunities for joint service projects between the school and RE to loop in families especially for our 6-8th grade children. Goal setting discussion will continue at the August meeting.

Mark shared that he has stepped down from the RE Advisory Board, but that Angela is looking to have a PPC replacement on the board. He asked that someone consider this joining this board.

Deanery Update:

Tom reported that meetings will resume in September.

Finance Council Update:

Bridget stated that the main update the parish is overall in good shape, but that we are tracking behind our revenue budget of last year. Our Planned Offertory Program has been realigned to run with our fiscal year (July 1-June 30). It was asked if the church has considered payment via Venmo in addition to Give Central.

Pastor's Update

Fr. Patrick Kizza provided an update on a number of topics. He thanked the incoming PPC members for their commitment to serve the Church, as well as Tom for serving as chairperson for the past year.

Church finances are lagging behind. Many people donate directly to the Needy Family Fund including from memorials/funerals etc. He asked the PPC to serve as ambassadors to others to encourage donations to the parish to help with overall expenses.

Father Jerry Boland is coming back the end of July. There will be a 5 pm mass celebration on 7/30 with a reception to follow on the parish lawn.

Religious Education already has a large number of students that have registered for the upcoming year. They are in need of Catechists to teach them. A discussion ensued asking time commitment, prep time and the thought of Teacher Job sharing.

In August we will return to our regular mass schedule including all the daily masses. John S. suggested that we work with our sister parishes on complimenting each other's mass schedules as well as sharing ministries, educational opportunities etc. with each other with pastor approval.

The Monticello building construction is now complete.

Other Business:

Tom O'Brien wished to recognize the outstanding job that Steve Schmidt performed as the outgoing secretary. In addition, he recognized Father Patrick Kizza for his stellar service to the PPC while Father Jerry Boland was on sabbatical! Everyone unanimously agreed!

Closing Prayer offered by Sara Carsten