

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting at OLSS

October 13, 2022

Members present:

Monsignor Brennan	Terry Williams	Vanessa Valenzuela
Fr. Eric Stelzer	Ben Luke	Rob Vella
Fr. Chris Knight	Mary Ann Miller	Paul Jennings
Michael Lenahan	Leah Tahiry	Judy Slattery

Members Absent:

None

- 1) Opening Prayer entitled A Wave of Rejuvenation
- 2) Welcome Remarks by Monsignor
 - The 50th Anniversary of OLSS was celebrated the previous week and it was a great success throughout all weekend activities.
- 3) All members of the Pastoral Council introduced themselves, giving a little information about their time here at OLSS, and their service in other ministries.
 - A copy of the Pastoral Council Member Contact List dated 9/16/22 was distributed to all members.
- 4) Monsignor Brennan gave a brief history of the transition from having a Parish Council, to the forming of a Pastoral Council. He explained the difference between the two and emphasized the role we play as his advisors.
 - A copy of the Bylaws of the Pastoral Council at Our Lady Star of the Sea signed by Msgr. Brennan 6/19/2019 was distributed to all members.

Monsignor referenced the book, *Making Parish Councils PASTORAL* by Mark F. Fischer and encouraged all Council members to read it. He highlighted the role of the Council members to:

INVESTIGATE matters brought before them.

PONDER them thoroughly through research within the parish community; then

RECOMMEND a course of action to be considered.

Recommendations are to be discussed among Council members, then voted on as to whether they should be passed on the Monsignor.

- 5) Monsignor identified two topics that he would like the Council members to think about before next meeting.
 - Identify areas where the parish can IMPROVE.
 - What are the parishioners LOOKING FOR?

Monsignor asked that these responses be sent to him a couple of weeks before the next Pastoral Council meeting, so that he can formulate possible tasks to assign to the Pastoral Council for Investigation - Pondering - and Recommendation.

Monsignor also mentioned that Fr. Eric is the chair of the Diocesan Planning Committee for the Eucharistic Revival.

- Monsignor asked that a subcommittee be formed to suggest how OLSS can participate in the Revival. Members who are interested in participating in the subcommittee can send Fr. Eric an email.
- While all Council members were given a handout on the Revival, only the subcommittee members will need to get back to Fr. Eric with any ideas concerning the questions posed in the handout.

6) Michael Lenahen explained the role of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Pastoral Council and asked for nominations for each role.

- Michael Lenahen and Rob Vella were nominated for the role of Chair and Michael was voted into that role.
- Rob Vella and Terry Williams were nominated for the role of Vice Chair and Terry Williams was voted into that role.
- Ben Luke and Rob Vella were nominated for the role of Secretary and Ben Luke was voted into that role.

7) Monsignor's closing remarks included the following:

- A call for Council members to stay around immediately after the meeting to attend the Newcomer's reception.
- A request for help in finding an individual interested in running the Sunday nursery during Mass.

8) Closing Prayer

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council was set for THURSDAY, November 17th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm