

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting at OLSS

March 16, 2023

Members present:

Monsignor Brennan	Michael Lenahen
Fr. Chris Knight	Mary Ann Miller
Sr. Lucy Clynes	Paul Jennings
Vanessa Valenzuela	
Judy Slattery	

Members Absent:

Terry Williams, Rob Vella, Ben Luke, Fr. Eric Stelzer, Leah Tahiry

Agenda Items:

1. **Opening Prayer entitled “A Wave of Rejuvenation Prayer”**
2. **Review of February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Motion to accept meeting minutes, seconded, and approved unanimously.
3. **Msgr. Brennan’s Parish Update**
 - a. This coming Saturday 3/18 is the annual **Joe/Paddy Dinner Dance**.
Expected turnout +/- 200 parishioners
 - b. Wednesday 3/22 is the annual **Parish Penitential Service**.
There are 8 to 9 visiting priests expected to assist with the sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - c. Friday 3/24 is the annual **Lenten Fish Fry**.
 - d. Friday 3/24 is also the date for the annual **Angel Ball** fund raiser to benefit PCA.
 - e. Saturday 3/25 – Sunday 3/26 is the **Women’s Retreat at Marywood**.
Over 120 ladies from OLSS have already signed up.
 - f. Saturday 4/1 is the **Anointing of the Sick Mass** at 2:00 pm.
 - g. Sunday 4/2 begins **Holy Week** with the celebration of **Palm Sunday**.
 - h. Monday 4/3, Tuesday 4/4, and Wednesday 4/5 Fr. Albert Haase will present the **Parish Mission** in the main church at 7:00 pm.
 - i. Thursday 4/6 is **Holy Thursday** with the **Mass of the Last Supper** at 7:00 pm.
 - j. Friday 4/7 is **Good Friday** with the **Liturgy of the Passion** at 3:00 pm.
There will also be **Live Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm in the church.
 - k. Saturday 4/8 is **Holy Saturday** with the **Easter Vigil Mass** at 8:30 pm.
Blessing of the Food at 9:30 am in the church, followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Pre-school playground.
 - l. Sunday 4/9 is **Easter Sunday** with Masses scheduled for 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, and 5:00 pm.
 - m. Saturday 4/22 – Sunday 4/23 is the **Men’s Retreat at Marywood**.
 - n. The **Statue of Our Lady** should leave Italy by Friday 3/24 and arrive in PVB around Tuesday 3/28.
The goal is to have a **Coronation** celebration around the 1st weekend in May.

4. Committee Reports

a. PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN, Judy Slattery:

- i. The work of this committee is finished.

b. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, Ben Luke:

- i. No Report at this time.

c. PARISHIONER ENGAGEMENT, Terry Williams:

- i. The committee is focusing on two specific areas of study
 1. Communication as an effective tool for enhancing parishioner's faith formation, inclusion, and participation in parish life.
 2. How to better utilize the existing parish ministries as a vehicle for putting faith into action by increasing the number of parishioners involved in ministries.
- ii. As for an enhanced communication tool, the committee will continue to investigate several currently available online portals: My Parish App and Flocknote, including Word on Fire – Engage.
- iii. As for improving the promotion of existing parish ministries, the committee floated (2) DRAFT Recommendations by the Council members for feedback.
 1. The creation of an Ambassador Program, to run in conjunction with the Hospitality Ministry, to demographically pair a current parishioner family with a newly-registered family to make an early connection to the various ministries and activities of the parish.
 - a. Council members suggested more study into how the program would work?
 - b. How many new parishioners register each month vs. the number of Ambassadors families needed?
 - c. How training of the volunteer families would take place?
 - d. What would be the expected outcome of such a program?
 - e. Whether the Hospitality Ministry has been approached with this idea, and what is their response?
 2. The formulation of plans to improve the vitality and long-term sustainability of all parish ministries by initiating term limits for ministry heads, weekly ministry spotlights, and a recruitment plan to develop future ministry leaders.
 - a. Council members asked whether the committee has discussed this concept with any current ministry leaders?
 - b. And as for the suggestion of highlighting various ministry activities on the front page of the weekly bulletin, Council members asked the committee to study the logistics and manpower needed to accomplish this task.
- iv. The committee agreed to conduct more study before bringing an official Recommendation to the Council.

- d. **TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**, Mary Anne Miller:
 - i. The committee studied the question, “What is Stewardship”?
 - ii. The committee is pondering how to make Stewardship the “Fabric & Life” of our parish.
 - iii. Stewardship programs play a critical role in promoting the Catholic culture of giving, which ultimately cultivates a culture of generosity and sacrifice among parishioners.
 - iv. Engagement begins with the warm greeting at the door and spreads from there through the various ministries.
 - v. Maybe we can relate Stewardship to the weekly Gospel messages and reinforce the message at the pulpit.
 - vi. The committee will investigate in-house solutions to enhance Stewardship, versus outside resources or consultants.
 - vii. The committee will aim for a recommendation by either May or June.

- e. **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**, Father Eric
 - i. No report at this time.
 - ii. There is consideration of a Fall Eucharistic procession at the church.

5. General Discussion/Other Topics

- a. Monsignor clarified that the Diocese of St. Augustine has not issued a dispensation for St. Patrick’s Day on Friday 3/17.

6. Msgr. closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 6:00 pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.