



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Investigate - Ponder - Recommend

Feb. 22, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

Council Members present:

Monsignor Brennan	Vanessa Valenzuela	Lisa Frank
Paul Jennings	Ben Luke	Terry Williams
Leah Tahiry	James McGuire	
Jill Rattigan	John Harrington	

Council Members Absent:

Rob Vella	Michael Lenahen	Mary Ann Miller
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Others Present:

Fr. Chris Knight	Sr. Lucy Clynes, DW
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- 1. Opening Prayer entitled “Eucharistic Revival Prayer”**
- 2. Chairman’s General Meeting Comments:**
 - a. In the absence of Michael Lenahen, the meeting will be conducted by Vice Chair, Terry Williams.
- 3. Review of Jan 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Unanimously passed. (Audio recording of the Jan 26, 2024 meeting has been deleted.)
- 4. Msgr. Brennan’s Comments:**
 - a. Msgr. addressed the Bylaws Committee to consider including ad hoc members (associate pastors or deacons) as Pastoral Council members in the newly drafted bylaws.
 - i. Further, it can be decided later if these ad hoc members would be allowed to vote.
- 5. Msgr. Brennan’s Parish Update:**
 - a. Completed the Bishop’s Stewardship Appeal in the past few weeks.
 - b. Campus work: Browning Center is being painted. Repairing sidewalk.
 - c. Friday, Feb 23: Friday Fish Fry 5-7PM.
 - d. Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross and Simple Soup
 - e. Saturday, Feb 24: Anointing of the Sick mass
 - f. March 5-6: Palmer Academy Accreditation
 - g. March 9: Joe Paddy Celebration



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- h. March 11-17: The Players Championship, Office and Schools closed March 15th.
- i. March 20: Penance Service. 9 priests for confessions.
- j. March 8, 9, 10th: Palmer Academy production of Sound of Music

6. Committees Reports

a. Bylaws Review Committee:

- i. The Committee Chairman was not present. In his absence, Paul Jennings indicated the committee intends to submit its recommendations before the next Pastoral Council meeting.

b. Evangelization: Jill Rattigan proposed the following recommendations for discussion and a vote:

1. Introduce the Evangelization Initiative to the Parish to inform our parish about what Bishop Pohlmeier is calling us to do.
 - Voted and approved
2. Begin Shifting the Culture at OLSS Toward Evangelization to instill an evangelization mindset in our parish
 - Voted and approved
3. A recommendation to support the Electronics Committee's recommendations was mentioned but withdrawn.

c. Electronic Communications Committee:

- i. Prior to this meeting, the Electronic Communications Committee submitted a PowerPoint presentation via email to the council for their comments.
- ii. Ben Luke reviewed the content of the Electronic Communications Committee's PowerPoint presentation which included an outline of a Social Media Ministry.
- iii. The suggested ministry roles included a Ministry Director at a parish volunteer level, a part-time Content Manager as an intern, a recent grad, or part-time contractor level, and 2 photography crews: a volunteer crew, and the current OLSS photography crew.



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- iv. The Social Media Ministry personnel would first be parish volunteers who will start the ministry to build out its structure and standard operating procedures for later ministry members to learn and take over.
- v. Questions asked of the Pastoral Council included:
 - Would the recommendation look at the 3 different systems represented in the other parishes (Fully Paid, Part-time+Volunteer, Fully Volunteer.)
 - a. Our recommendation is to have a volunteer director, part-time content manager, and volunteer photography crew.
 - Would we consider a presence on Twitter/X?
 - a. We are not considering a Twitter/X presence in our recommendation.
 - The survey results represent a high favorability toward emailed content. How do the charts' results align with the recommendation?
 - a. Considering we have a nearly absent social media presence, we expect that once social media outreach is ramped up on Facebook, we will see a similar spike in favorability toward information seeking on Facebook.
 - Would you agree that other parishes' social media success relies on continuing at the position of the content director or manager, and not one which overburdens the current office staff?
- vi. Msgr. asked when the recommendation will be delivered. The committee staff indicated they would reconvene to consolidate the PowerPoint content into a recommendation format to deliver at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

7. Closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024, 6PM

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm