



Our Lady Star of the Sea

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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Council Members present:

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

Council Members Absent:

Rob Vella

Others Present:

Fr. Chris Knight Sr. Lucy Clynes, DW

1. Opening Prayer entitled “Eucharistic Revival Prayer”

2. Msgr. Brennan’s Parish Update:

- a. Palmer Academy, Msgr. commented on the success of the Sound of Music play.
- b. Palmer Academy was reaccredited. Msgr. attended their initial and exit interviews with the accreditation team.
 - i. Jill Rattigan volunteered to draft a congratulatory letter to Palmer Academy from the Pastoral Council.
- c. Next week is the Holy Week and Triduum with a large group 10 catechumens and 7 candidates entering full communion in the church.
- d. Msgr. reviewed upcoming clergy vacation.
- e. Browning Center improvements update included improvements to doors, sidewalks, and painting for Browning Center to match the church.

3. Review of Feb 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- a. Unanimously passed. (The audio recording of the Feb 22, 2024 meeting has been deleted.)

4. Formation of Pastoral Council Nomination Committee

From the Bylaws:

- a. The Council Chair will appoint a 3-person committee from pastoral council members. That committee will appoint a Committee Chair. A notice for nominations will run for a series of three weekends in the parish bulletin during April. Interested parishioners including incumbent pastoral council members,



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- pastoral council appointees, and eligible consenting parishioners may submit their names to the parish office no later than the end of April.
- b. Nomination Committee will conduct all interviews during May.
 - c. During May PC Meeting, the Nomination Committee will submit a slate of names and a brief synopsis of each nominee for consideration.
 - d. The Pastoral Council will cast their vote by secret ballot.
 - i. Nominating Committee is comprised of:
 - John Harrington, Leah Tahiry, and Ben Luke
 - e. After much discussion, Chairman Lenahen noted future Nomination Committee sequencing will occur at these Pastoral Council meetings:
 - i. February: Nomination Committee Formation
 - ii. March: Solicit nominations from parishioners
 - iii. April: Committee to conduct interviews
 - iv. May: Report names and respective interview synopses for voting.

5. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws Committee

- i. Bylaws Committee Chair, Michael Lenahen, presented a clarification that, the 2019 Bylaws indicate all Bylaws revisions are to be approved by the pastor before being presented to the PC for voting.
 - Whereas, Monsignor requested this committee be formed to review the PC Bylaws. Therefore, that committee will operate in the typical fashion by first presenting the recommendations to the council for voting. Then, if passed, will be presented to Monsignor for implementation.
- ii. The Bylaws Committee presented (12) RECOMMENDATIONS for approval at the March meeting of the Pastoral Council. Below is a summary of how the Council deliberated.

Recommendation #1: Clarity of Purpose - APPROVED
Recommendation #2: Simplicity of Scope - APPROVED
Recommendation #3: The Pastoral Council year defined - APPROVED, with revised wording.
Recommendation #4 - REJECTED for further study.
Recommendation #5 - REJECTED for further study.
Recommendation #6 - REJECTED for further study.
Recommendation #7 - APPROVED, with revised wording.
Recommendation #8 - APPROVED, with revised wording.
Recommendation #9 - REJECTED as unnecessary



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Recommendation #10 - REJECTED for further study.
Recommendation #11 - APPROVED, with revised wording.
Recommendation #12 - APPROVED

b. Electronic Communications Committee

- i. Recommendation #1: Launch the Social Media Ministry.
 - Vote: Approved
- ii. Recommendation #2: Our Lady Star of the Sea should establish an online account either Google or Microsoft, to permit the Social Media Ministry and the OLSS Staff, a shared central repository for the collection of parish digital media, photos, videos, ect, from ministry volunteers, as well as the parishioners attending or promoting parish events.
 - Vote: Approved

6. Closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2024, 6:00PM

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm