

## Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes

7.28.2020

Chairperson, Peter Bemis called the Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Members Present: Father Gideon Buya, Gary Feider, Peter Bemis, Jacob Birenbaum, Jim Barton, Jennifer Delwiche, Rose Vander Velden, Antonette Zellmer

Members Excused: Chad Keller, Jenny Leider, Rich Schwab, Brian Smith

Guests present: Linda Guokas, Leon Jacoby, Deb Hamm, Terri Schueller

Peter opened the meeting with prayer and petitions. Approval of the PC Minutes was done via email following the 6.2.2020 meeting.

### **Pastors Report / Worship Update**

Father Gideon reported that the attendance numbers vary at OLL for Sunday Mass, but are sometimes at the low end. Weekday Masses are well attended at St. Rose and OLL. Seniors and those with underlying conditions are still encouraged to worship at home. Adoration and reconciliation are resuming. The regular lectors are starting to participate. The staff will be meeting next week to make plans for the 20/21 year. When using every third pew at OLL, it is not possible to fit 25% of the capacity allowed. Therefore, OLL will be switching to using every other pew. Father stressed that even though we have questions and a sense of fear, we should not be paralyzed or frozen by that. We should try to engage our families and keep our faith alive.

### **School Update**

DSCS Principal, Lynn Sauer, was not available, so her principal report was shared and Terri Schueller gave a brief report. Lynn Sauer, Carla Schommer, Holly Masengarb, and Vicki Malueg created the DSCS SOAR Back Plan. Guidance came from the CDC, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and the Washington/Ozaukee County Health Department. The plan was reviewed by a healthcare professional. The plan is to have the students in the school building for all day instruction five days a week. They are also preparing plans to operate under various circumstances including: face-to-face instruction, temporary short-term quarantine, temporary distance learning, and school closure with extended period distance teaching. New teachers have been hired. Melissa Doherty will teach 5K and Anita Anderson will teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. A part time cleaner needs to be hired to cover a maternity leave. Current enrollment: 86 yes, 15 waiting, 5 not returning, 1 graduated.

### **Religious Education Update**

Linda Goukas reported that phase one of the Catholic Comeback Plan does not include in-person classes. There is a plan for virtual teaching. All of the texts have online components. When the archdiocese enters phase two, classes can meet in person with a limit of 50 people in attendance. Under phase two there will be small group classes once a month. Only three of the classrooms will be used. A list has been developed for how to disinfect the rooms. The community room and gym will not be used. Families will be encouraged to stay engaged and to participate in Mass either in person or virtually.

### **Pastoral Associate Update**

Deb Hamm has been working with two RCIA candidates online. One of them is ready to join the church. Deb is providing grief support for families. Madonne Rauch donated material that would be good for walker bags. Deb has 60 bags cut out and needs sewers

The results from the Disciple Maker Index have been received. There were 71 responses from OLL. The Archdiocese is offering free webinars for staff to learn how to interpret the data. Funerals are now allowed to have 25 % attendance capacity rather than a 50-person limit. Deb and Amanda are planning to create a slide show about where we see God. They will ask people to send in photos.

**Terri Schueller:** A new safety protocol will be implemented at both offices. The plan includes an eight question, self-check screening and temperature check each day. Masks will be required for visitors and essential volunteers. There will also be a cleaning protocol for meetings. Meeting participants will do the cleaning and sign a cleaning log.

The budget is the same as last year with conservative spending. Salaries and benefits were frozen for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

### **New Business**

- Due to COVID-19, the discernment process for choosing new pastoral council members is delayed. Before we start the process, Father Gideon would like to have more people attending church. The Archdiocese says to keep the status quo for now. Father and Peter will discuss it further.
- A committee including staff and some pastoral council members from DS and OLL is being formed to look for ideas for how to make our bulletin more effective and appealing. Peter Bemis, Jacob Birenbaum, and Jim Barton volunteered to be on the committee.
- Two parishioners with hearing difficulties asked if the readings could be made available in print. To assist with this concern, Deb made 5 copies of the readings through August. Suzanne Biedenbender will let those who expressed a hearing problem know where the readings are kept and they can pick them up before Mass.
- Jim and Pam Barton are doing online tours of Lourdes. During their July presentation they had 6000 participants from 30 countries. The next presentation will be on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. An invitation will be sent to our parish. The September presentation will be in Spanish. In October or November, they will do one for children. Presentations remain available on line for later viewing for about a week. Jim can send us the link for the July presentation that Pam Barton led.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 and closed with prayer.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 on Zoom. Father Gideon will send the link before the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vander Velden, OLL Pastoral Council Secretary