JOINT OLL & DIVINE SAVIOR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for 9/27/21

Peter Bemis called the joint leadership meeting to order at 7:10 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Community Room. Opening Prayer was led by Jim Barton.

Present: Father Gideon Buya, Deb Hamm, Lynn Sauer, Terri Schueller

OLL: Trustees: Gary Feider, Chad Keller, Council Members: Jim Barton, Peter Bemis, Jacob Birenbaum, Natalie Brochtrup, Pam Huiras, Jenny Leider, Rich Schwab, Antonette Zellmer, Bonnie Steffen

DS: Trustees: Bob Lallensack, Council Members: Bob Bichler, Barb Duenk, Bill Johannes, Jim Kretz, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, Jennifer Thill, Scott Ehaney, Sarah Heisler

Guests: Leon Jacoby

Absent members: Jim Kretz**,** Lori Paulus

SCHOOL REPORT: Lynn Sauer gave the school report.

- DSCS is working toward accreditation. There will be a self-study and site visit in 2022. Staff is working on updating and evaluating goals.
- The DSCS PTA provided an interactive TV to the school. The current Smartboards are obsolete. Lynn is writing a grant through the Catholic Community Foundation to fund additional systems. Funds raised through the Catholic Schools Walk and the Day of Giving will be earmarked for this cause. Each system costs approximately $3,500.
- The School safety plan is complete. This needs to be updated every year.
- Covid mitigation strategies were reviewed. Masking is currently optional.
- Catholic Schools Walk is approaching. See below for more information.
- There will be a Trunk or Treat activity on 10/27 at Holy Cross Chapel parking lot. Volunteers are needed to sponsor a Trunk.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

Scheduled for Oct. 16 from 9:00-10:00 in Fredonia. Volunteers are needed to help with distributing treats along the route. Could be an opportunity for ministries to promote parish activities.

Stopping at Forest Haven is being considered to drop off cards for residents. Residents could meet outside for Covid Safety.

Contact Lynn Sauer if interested.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Gideon reported the following:

Review of the parish mission of making Disciples and connecting with the heart of Jesus. Father reviewed all the Parish ministries that provide outreach and opportunities for deepening our faith.

Ministries include:

Young Adult's weekly Bible study

That Man is You

I Still Do

Family of Faith gathering

Sisters in Christ

Cluster Child and Teen Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School

Advent Morning of Reflection

RL Area Ecumenical Group

Women of Christ/Men of Christ

Mission Trips

Thursday Evening Bike Group

Others: quilting group, grief support, RCIA

All of these are ways that parishioners can live their faith and share with others. Council members are asked to help find ways to make information available to families. Promotion through social media, website, bulletin, etc. and other means.

- **Come to Me Initiative-**
  Way to invite families back to Mass. The archdiocese is asking each parish to have one person assigned to this task. They will be trained through the diocese. 3-4 more people familiar with parish activities will also be involved and will work toward making personal connections.

  Deb Hamm will be our parish link and it is hopeful that 2 council members and 2 parishioners could assist.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Love One Another Capital Campaign-** We are in Phase One of the campaign. There will be three meetings in October and will involve the Finance committee, Trustees and Terri Schueller. More details will be available in November.

- **October Synod gathering-** Scheduled for 10/23 from 8:00-1:00 at Mary Mother of the Church in Milwaukee. Registration is available on the Archdiocese website. The focus will be on Archbishop Listecki's final years in service and Bishop Hying focusing on what it means to be a mission driven church.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mass for New Council members:** Father will introduce Pastoral council members at the Masses on 10/31. Costumes are optional.

- **The Disciplemaker Index:** Ongoing parish/cluster events were reviewed. Our focus should be on marketing these events to parishioners and improving the ministries currently available. It is important for parishioners to know that all events are offered to both parishes.

- **Sisters in Christ:** Lunch group that meets monthly to discuss various topics. A suggestion was made to offer the program once during the day and once in the evenings (perhaps concurrently to Faith formation) so people who work during the day may have an opportunity to attend. This will be feasible if someone is willing to lead the evening session.

- **I Still Do Ministry:** this is a relatively new group forming. It is open to married couples as a way to socialize with other married couples within the parishes. Events will rotate between Thursday evening and Saturday evenings. The first group was held on Sept. 16 at DS and featured trivia. The next group will meet on 10/31 at RL.

- **Mission Trip:** There are still spots remaining for the mission trip in June to Philadelphia. This is open to youth in 7th grade and up. Contact Terri Riesselmann if interested.

- **Discussion of involvement:** Discussion of involvement in parish activities- Council members are challenged to choose one or two ministries, learn more about them and promote to others.

- **Outreach Coordinator Position**: This position is being reviewed and could potentially be a cluster position.

- **November meeting:** Scheduled for 11/22/21 at 7:00 at Holy Cross Chapel.

The Joint Council adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Brochtrup, OLL Pastoral Council Secretary