

OLL Parish Center

Members present:

OLL: Peter Bemis, Bonnie Steffen, Antonette Zellmer, Jacob Birenbaum, Bryan Bichler, Marilyn Sabec, Rich Schwab, Deb Hamm. Excused: Gary Feider, Jenny Leider, Chad Keller, Natalie Brochtrup

Guests: Leon Jacoby, Kati Dimmer, Terri Schueller, Deb Poull, Cindy Oskey, Dale Jacoby, Jenny Schwab

1) Guest Comments:

- a) The treatment of guest comments in this meeting deviated greatly from the meeting norms. There was much discussion on several St. Nicholas Chapel related topics. In many cases the items presented and discussed were similar in nature to guest comments presented since the September 26, 2022 meeting.
- b) For future meetings we will be adhere to the following rules when it comes to guest comments:
 - i) The GUEST COMMENT section of Pastoral Council meetings is a time for Registered Parish Members to share their thoughts and comments with the Pastoral Council. Each guest should keep their comments to two to three minutes. This is NOT a time for further discussion or decisions to be made on the comments made by the guests. If the topics presented warrant further discussion, they will be referred to the proper committee for future discussion.
- c) Cindy Oskey comments centered around Fr. Feyereisen's bequest and the lost opportunity to the community in the use of the St. Nicholas worship space. She invited all council members to join in the 175th anniversary celebration, which will include people from around the country. Cindy mentioned that at the time of the OLL merger a number of then St. Nicholas members lost trust in the council when a wheelchair ramp was discussed and approved and then later denied. Dale Jacoby, who was the St. Nicholas council chair around the OLL merger timeframe, then recalled that Fr. Cerpich encouraged him at the time to go along with the merger after which the ramp could be completed, however the ramp was never completed. Cindy then encouraged expanding the use of the St. Nicholas site going forward and this should not be a competition among sites. Peter Bemis then indicated that we continue to utilize the site for weddings, funerals, Rosary, and Stations, along with Masses on Christmas and Easter. In addition, the P&W committee recently approved the introduction of a seasonal adoration to occur once per month at the site.
- d) Deb Poull indicated that our parish must accept change over the years to serve the people. The council needs to first look for solutions before saying no and that when barriers present themselves, we need to look to eliminate them. The example of Video Streaming the Mass was given, whereby the council did not take action on that request. Further clarification by Peter revealed that at the time there was much discussion on this topic (see Jan 23 Joint Council minutes *5b Live Streaming Mass* for the lengthy discussion) and that our current technical infrastructure does not support streaming. Also that Love One Another campaign funds were being allocated to address this technical issue, after which the topic would be reconsidered. Deb Poull also suggested that we try harder to find a priest and that finances were not a good reason to prevent an additional Mass at the Dacada site. Deb Hamm indicated that there will not be an additional Mass added at the Dacada site at this time.
- e) Dale Jacoby indicated that finances should not be a barrier to adding an additional Mass. Dale also expressed gratitude for the addition of the seasonal monthly adoration and that the schedule would not conflict with the current adoration schedule within the cluster. A schedule for that adoration date/time is still TBD. Dale suggested potentially a Sunday 4 – 6 pm timeslot along with a Mass. Dale suggested that there could be a Mass added on the nights of Adoration. Deb reiterated that there will not be an additional Mass at this time.
- f) Leon Jacoby made the following statement:
 - i) I am truly honored and amazed to be discerned to the Pastoral Council. If anyone would like to discuss anything about the parish with me my number is 262-285-3231 and my email address is ljacoby169@gmail.com. Thank you, Leon Jacoby

2) Committee Report Highlights (see website for recent comprehensive minutes):

a) Prayer and Worship – Bryan Bichler

- i) Regarding baptisms in our parish with our current priests. We will continue with the third weekend of the month as baptism weekend. They will be held during our Masses. In rare instances, we will allow baptisms outside of this due to family situations or the family having a connection with another priest. We had a double Baptism on 5/21.
- ii) We will be adding a St. Nic's adoration once a month, seasonally. The date and times have not yet been determined. Adoration for OLL will go from 4:00-6:00 during the summer and the first Monday at St. Rose will stay the same (4:00 – 5:00).
- iii) Rosary is being prayed before Sunday 8:15 Mass and in Dacada at St. Nic's at 1:00 pm Mass in May.
- iv) There was discussion regarding the possibility of adding a kneeler for people to optionally kneel when receiving the Host. Deb has since checked into the USCCB guideline and the normative position is to be standing, however people kneeling will not be turned down from receiving the Host.
- v) We will begin offering the Precious Blood (wine) across the cluster in the Weekend Masses only, beginning the week of June 10/11. See previous discussion in Joint meeting minutes.
- vi) Next meeting will be July 10 at 6:30 in OLL Parish center.

b) Christian Formation/Evangelization – Antonette Zellmer

- i) The Milwaukee Archdiocese is promoting a small group study about "Jesus in the Eucharist". This is a 7-week curriculum that can be started any time after Fall of 2023. Kati plans to mention this with Family of Faith to see if they would be interested in hosting this material. This is content from the St. Augustine Institute (owner of Formed).
- ii) We were able to move next year's Confirmation (this year's 10th grade class) back to spring.
- iii) Mission Trip: There are 11 students and 4 chaperones going this year to Steubenville, Ohio departing Sunday June 11th and returning June 16th.
- iv) VBS will be held at OLL this year the week of July 24th-28th from 9am-noon.
- v) Baptism Prep: We had 3 couples for Baptism Class on May 3.
- vi) RCIA: Two adults received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil and another two received Adult Confirmation. The next cycle begins late summer/early fall.
- vii) June 11, 1pm - Corpus Christi Procession at St. Nicholas Chapel in Dacada.
- viii) Formed in Faith, Fed by the Eucharist Grant – We will be scheduling several speakers over the next year to speak about topics relating to the Eucharist. Also see Deb's comments in the Joint meeting minutes regarding the Biblical Roots of the Mass books by Dr. Edward Sri.
- ix) Chairperson Updates - Matthew's 2-year term is approaching this summer and the committee is seeking a new Chairperson for the Faith Formation & Evangelization committee. Matthew does plan to remain in the catechist role.
- x) Next meeting is Tuesday, August 22, 2022 @ 6PM.

c) Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

- i) **Anchor of Hope** – We received 23 flyers which were passed on to Terri Riesselmann, who discussed the clinic's mission with the Confirmation class during their retreat in April at Holy Hill. All the students were very pro-life in their discussion which is very encouraging.
- ii) The sewing group will be supporting the "Little Dresses for Africa" project by sewing dresses for children of all ages. Robin Barclay is very involved with this project which improves both the lives and safety of young females. This has drawn interest of others in the parish who are also planning to participate.
- iii) Our fall blood drive will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.
- iv) Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm

d) Stewardship/Outreach- Bonnie Steffen

- i) As stated in the Human Concerns minutes above, the sewing club will be participating in the “Little Dresses for Africa” project.
- ii) Kati discussed plans to hold a regular ‘Open Gym’ this winter at the OLL parish center. More and more kids have been showing up to hospitality after Mass and utilizing a portion of the gym to play games. Plans are still TBD and there was some discussion about holding it Sunday afternoon or even after hospitality since it may encourage more people to attend Mass. Parents would need to sign a waiver and supervising adults would need to complete the Safeguard Training which is coordinated in our cluster by Terri Riesselmann.

e) Finance- Rich Schwab

- i) Terri Schueller stated that Love One Another campaign funds distributed, and project updates will be in the bulletin, however not weekly.
- ii) Bonnie suggested that we have Mass announcement as Love One Another projects are planned and/or completed to notify the parishioners. All agreed that this was a good idea.
- iii) Antonette mentioned that, regarding the Love One Another campaign, she never received a year-end statement for tax-deductible donation purposes. Terri communicated that there have been a number of inconsistencies and issues with the campaign draws and reporting. She encouraged anyone having issues to contact Bob Pfundstein / Milwaukee Archdiocese at (414) 769-3583 or by email at pfundsteinb@archmil.org. He has been very helpful in addressing issues. His information is on our cluster website homepage, just scroll down to the Love One Another Catholic Campaign section.
- iv) The budget report was presented for discussion.
 - (1) Love One Another monies are not reflected in the budget since they are not operational.
 - (2) Leon had some questions requesting clarity about what was in certain budget categories. Terri explained that this is a summary view and that a very detailed view is sent to the Arch. There was discussion that this summary view was sufficient for our purposes, however it was recommended that Terri add more clarity by providing budget notes better detailing what is included in these summary categories.

3) Old Business

a) Discernment Update

- i) We had 35 nominees with 9 people discerning at the meeting. 3 dropped from consideration prior to the discernment vote.
- ii) We were looking to fill 3 3-year terms and 1 1-year term resulting from Bonnie’s early resignation.
 - (1) Amy Schmit, Jenny Schwab, and Lina Vorpahl received the 3-year terms
 - (2) Leon Jacoby received the 1-year term. Leon is eligible to discern again next year.

b) Catholic Playgroup update

- i) Week 1 had 4 families with 9 kids
- ii) Week 2 had 2 families with 3 kids
- iii) Week 3 had 2 families with 6 kids

c) 25-year Anniversary Celebration for OLL

- i) Pete gave an update on the planning.
- ii) Date will be 7/16/2023 from 9:30 to noon at the OLL parish center
- iii) No charge for food or drink. This is not a fundraiser, but we will accept free-will offerings.
- iv) Food will be brats, burgers, potato salad, chips, beans and cake
- v) Marketing will include the Summer newsletter, bulletin announcements, Mass announcements, Sounder Ads and the Cluster website.
- vi) There will be a brief ceremony/announcement that day before the end of Mass while everyone is attentive in church.
- vii) Food will be served in the gym
- viii) Several parishioners are planning to donate some beautiful religious items that will be given away in a drawing. There will be no charge to enter the drawing.

- ix) A continuous slide presentation is being planned for the large TV in the overflow room. And round tables will be set up in the overflow room to encourage visiting.
- x) Leon suggested that a table be staffed with OLL Parish applications to recruit new parish members.
- xi) Kati had other ideas including a pitching machine and other games.

4) **New Business**

- a) Recognition of outgoing members
 - i) Certificates of appreciation were handed out and outgoing members were thanked for their service.
 - (1) Rich Schwab spent 6 years as Finance Council liaison and was also our rep to the DSCS Advisory Commission. He continues to be involved with building and grounds, ushering and fund-raising activities.
 - (2) Jenny Leider spent 6 years as Finance Council liaison. Jenny was not present at this meeting so Pete will get the certificate to her.
 - (3) Antonette Zellmer spent 6 years as Christian Formation/Evangelization liaison and I believe will continue to be active in that committee.
 - (4) Bonnie Steffen spent 2 years as our liaison to the Stewardship/Outreach committee and continues to be involved in that committee, the Faith Formation Committee as both a member and catechist, the sewing group and the St. Vincent DePaul commission.
- b) Dacada Listening Session update
 - i) Deb updated us on the listening session held April 23, 2023. Detailed minutes have been posted to the parish Website with copies left in the St. Nicholas chapel.
 - ii) Deb clarified that our policy is to have baptism celebrated during the Sunday Mass, however exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. See the minutes above from the Prayer and Worship committee for more details.
 - iii) There will be no additional Masses planned for the St. Nicholas site.
 - iv) Seasonal monthly Adoration has been approved for the site. Denise Dimmer will assist with the coordination. A new host has already been consecrated for the Monstrance.

Opening prayer for next meeting: Jacob Birenbaum

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross chapel site.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Sabec, seconded by Bryan Bichler

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Bemis
OLL Chair