

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 8:23PM by Peter Bemis

Members present: Peter Bemis, Chad Keller, Natalie Brochtrup, Bonnie Steffen, Antonette Zellmer, Jacob Birenbaum, Bryan Bichler, Marilyn Sabec, Rich Schwab, Deb Hamm

Absent (excused): Jenny Leider, Gary Feider

Guests: Leon Jacoby, Kati Dimmer, Deb Poull, Nancy Zimmer, Cindy Oskey

2. Guest Comments:

Leon Jacoby expressed thanks to the Feyereisen family for raising questions about the Father Feyereisen bequest and thank you to Susan Risch and Terri Schueller for seeking answers.

Deb Poull expressed thanks for the opportunity to speak to the Council. She would like to see meeting minutes and agendas posted. (response: Meeting minutes are published to the parish website and meetings are traditionally posted on the parish calendar). Deb Poull asked if there could be an invitation to Council meetings issued at Mass and if agendas could be published in advance (subject to change). This will be considered. Deb Hamm will connect with the parish secretaries to see if meetings can be put on the calendar well in advance.

Deb Poull asked if any decisions had been made regarding the sale of the rectory.

Deb Hamm indicated that there is a Finance Council meeting scheduled for 2/23/23. Any decisions made will be announced to the councils prior to a parish announcement.

3. Committee Report Highlights (see website for recent minutes):

A. Prayer and Worship- Bryan Bichler-

*A joint Prayer and Worship committee meeting was held on Jan. 10, 2023. The Liturgical calendar was discussed.

*The Prayer and Worship committee will be organizing a Night In Bethlehem. More information will follow.

*The question was raised regarding the possibility of passing the collection baskets at Mass. Discussion points included:

-Weekly collections are down slightly. This could be a result of lower Mass attendance and the increase in online giving.

-Some people might feel uncomfortable when they don't contribute to the basket collection.

-Bryan (representing the Ushers) felt that they could support the collection without requiring additional ushers.

-This could affect the flow of the Mass. Since the decision would affect the cluster

as a whole, and Priest input would be helpful, the topic should be discussed at the next joint Council meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

B. Christian Formation and Evangelization- Antonette Zellmer:

Nothing recent to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

The Advent Giving tree was a success.

The committee will be preparing Lenten Hygiene Bags

There will be a blood drive at OLL on March 20, 2023 from 1:00-6:00 PM.

The committee is hoping to educate parishioners about Anchor of Hope and their mission.

The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Bonnie Steffen

Kati Dimmer continues to work hard to provide outreach opportunities for parish members.

Bonnie expressed concerns with the Ecumenical Service in regards to organization and execution of the service. These issues are best addressed to the Ecumenical Council. Kati Dimmer is the parish representative. Bonnie was encouraged to document her concerns and share them with Kati so she can, in turn, address them with the Ecumenical Council.

E. Finance- Jenny Leider

No new news. The meeting scheduled for December was canceled due to inclement weather.

4. Old Business:

- A. Catholic Playgroup- the council as a whole agreed that this ministry is worth pursuing. The concept incorporates many of the important Parish Mission aspects including Evangelization, Discipleship, Building Relationships and Parental Involvement.

The timeframe for implementation would be as follows: Begin after Easter and most likely meet through the summer months, meeting once or twice per month. The actual schedule is to be determined, but the group would most likely meet after the 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday.

The option to meet on Sundays after Mass was also discussed. There are pros and cons to each option. The council recommended that a survey be sent to the families in the parish with young children to assess their level of interest in participating, identify the time/date preferences, and the level of involvement/volunteer opportunities that are available. Kati Dimmer agreed to work with the office to facilitate sending the survey.

5. New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Closing prayers for next meeting: Jacob Birenbaum volunteered to lead the closing prayer.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for 3/27/23 at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross chapel beginning with the Joint Council meeting with the OLL meeting to follow.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Sabec, seconded by Bryan Bichler. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup
OLL Pastoral Council Secretary