

Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Call to Meeting and Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM by Peter Bemis

Members present: Peter Bemis, Jacob Birenbaum, Chad Keller, Natalie Brochtrup, Amy Schmit, Lina Vorpahl, Bryan Bichler, Marilyn Sabec, Jenny Schwab, Leon Jacoby, Deb Hamm

Absent (excused): Gary Feider

2. Guest Comments:

There were no guest comments

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

A. Prayer and Worship- Bryan Bichler-

- The January meeting was canceled due to weather.
- Adoration is going well. There are consistently 5-7 people in attendance at each of the two-hour time slots

B. Christian Formation and Evangelization- Amy Schmit

- Updates were provided during the Joint Cluster meeting.
- The Committee will meet with catechists 3 times per year to discuss topics and gather feedback.
- There will be a teaching Mass on March 13, 2024 at 6:15 PM in Fredonia. This will correspond with Faith Formation and is open to any interested party.

C. Human Concerns - Marilyn Sabec

- The Giving Tree was a success. Many items were collected for Mary's Room, Divine Savior Catholic School and The Random Lake Food Pantry.
- Margaret Bemis sent Christmas cards to parishioners who are shut-in
- The Human Concerns Committee is coordinating with the Sheboygan County Homeless program and St. Bens to provide hygiene bags.
- There will be a blood drive on April 8, 2024
- The committee is holding off on holding a Reverse Collection for the Food Pantry at this time.
- The St. Vincent De Paul society is looking for volunteers to help with the Sheboygan County Homeless Shelter. Shifts are available from 5-9 PM and at 7:00 AM.

D. Stewardship/Outreach- Leon Jacoby

- Hospitality will continue on the third Sunday of the month following Mass.
- Volunteers are needed to hand out flowers to mothers on May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day)
- There will be an Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024)
- The committee discussed previous activities that were held including the Kapco Toy Drive, the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, the Christian Women's Bake sale and party and the discussion series "Jesus and the Eucharist".
- Stevie Ritger would like to attend the Cemetery Association meeting to discuss an idea she saw in the Catholic Herald to set aside a special area for children lost through miscarriage or stillbirth.
- The next meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM

E. Finance- Jenny Schwab/Lina Vorpahl

- There was an e-mail meeting to vote on the contractor for the heat pump installation in the OLL Community Room. Three bids were received and the job was awarded to All American Heating.

4. Old Business:

a. Cluster Float-

Deb Poull provided a proposal for a cluster float. The original concept was for an OLL/St. Nicholas and St. Patrick float, but after discussion, it was decided that since we are a cluster parish, the float should encompass all facets of the cluster. Deb provided theme ideas and potential decoration ideas and discussed how these ideas could promote the parishes. Discussion about including DSCS was held, and Deb Hamm indicated that any decisions surrounding the school would need to go through Lynn Sauer, principal. DSCS does have their own float, so it may not be necessary to include them on the parish float.

Deb provided an estimate of costs and materials needed. She estimated approximately \$900/each for a summer float and a Christmas float.

The council agreed that the proposal should be added to the Joint Cluster meeting agenda in March for further discussion with both councils.

b. Lenten Series preparation

-Natalie will create a SignUp Genius so council members can sign up for soup donations for the March 5 and March 19, 2024 dates.

-Soup Flights were suggested, and at this time, it does not seem feasible to add a soup flight as an option.

5. New Business:

- a. There is a lot going on in our parish. Encourage others to become involved, read the bulletin, newsletters, e-mails with cluster events, etc.
- b. Christmas Mass attendance was discussed. It appeared that Mass attendance was impacted by the way the Sundays in Advent fell relative to the Christmas holiday.
- c. There will be a future training for Liturgical ministers. More information to follow.

Closing prayer for next meeting: Jacob Birenbaum

Bryan Bichler provided the closing prayer for the January 22, 2024 meeting.

6. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Divine Savior chapel beginning with the Joint Council meeting with the OLL meeting to follow (approximately 7:30 PM).

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Sabec, seconded by Lina Vorpahl Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Brochtrup
OLL Pastoral Council Secretary