

Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of Snow Minutes

February 5, 2019 6:30pm Our Lady of Victory Classroom Rm 116

Meeting called by	Chris Russell (President)	Attendees
Type of meeting	Pastoral Council	Fr. Patterson, Chris Russell, Julie Darling, Maureen Cox, Chuck Ciaccia, Adrienne Villano, David Benjamin, Chris Carroll, Sara Detmer, Mary Wootten, Sharon Ryan, Warren Dolan
Facilitator	Chris Russell	
Note taker	Adrienne Villano (Secretary)	Excused: Brian Lewis, Peter Ogno, Kimberly Loccisano, Frank Lamiano Absent: Guest(s): Mary Eaton, Vici Armsby

OPENING PRAYER – EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Approve January Minutes – Maureen Cox & Julie Darling

With corrections:

Chris Russell's name to replace Chris Carroll's name regarding announcement of new mission statement at 9:15 am Mass.

Maureen Cox has a contact at the Food Pantries of the Capital District, not the Regional Food Bank as indicated.

➤ Agenda topic – Mission Statement roll-out feedback/follow-up/Next Steps

Chris R. was mobbed after mass

Regarding visual illustration/companion piece –

Nicole McQuade will include request on the parish app

Sharon has some drawings

What is the timeline for illustration suggestions? ASAP

Any ideas jot down and submit

Chris C. will see in a couple weeks time how many suggestions have been submitted.

Mary E. will keep all submissions in a folder.

Maureen reminded everyone that she does not touch anything copyrighted

Julie commented that the illustration should be something small, simple

It was suggested to confer with Carolyn Abrams as she is a spiritual artist, maybe she could help

People are sometimes visual, i.e. are inspired by symbols

When will new mission statement be in the bulletin? Vici indicated not until February 17th

Chris R. said that the feedback he rec'd was "very excited" in nature, especially the word 'joyful'.

Warren, Julie – OLS had blessing of the throats so they haven't much feedback

Chuck & David both rec'd positive reactions & responses to the new mission statement and visual graphic request

Sharon – Adoration on February 17th will be dedicated to the new mission statement

Mary E. commented that this is laying the groundwork for the Summit

Mary W. suggested/asked if we could eventually have something like a card or bookmark with the new mission statement and graphic?

Maureen suggested maybe even a car magnet

Vici – with OLV/OLS name in middle

Mary W. commented that people really do look at car magnets and window clings

May not be possible to put graphic on marquee as not enough room – maybe put window cling on glass of marquee?

➤ **Agenda topic – Pastoral Council Book Group Update**

Chris C. –

The group has finished chapter 9 (The Art of Discerning Charisms) & 10 (Facing Outward).

The group has discussed 'which charisms seem strongest within the Parish' and are we as a Parish growing outside of the Parish

The book group discussed how to share faith stories during Lenten season. Do you know anyone with a powerful faith story?

Suggested dates to share faith stories after Mass – March 10, 17, 31

Chris R. - What are we trying to accomplish?

Mary E. – have to ensure stories are faith related

Father Patterson – How have I been transformed by faith?

Sharing gives other people courage to share their stories and brings communities together

Maureen – validates where we all are

Mary E. – Stories will be inspiring

Vici – Do we have to define what we are looking for?

Father Patterson & Maureen added if we are looking for people to talk on particular days

Sharon suggested we start small at first

Vici – better to let stories form

Maybe just tell stories in a more relaxed setting

Adrienne agreed – Speaking in front of a large group intimidates many people and will discourage people from sharing, especially something so personal

Maybe have stories told at small table settings during spaghetti dinner?

How about at the Summit? Could be theme for Summit

See where seeds go in less formal settings

Lead in to...

➤ **Agenda topic – Fall Summit Planning**

Saturday October 26, 2019 9:00am – 12:00pm (to be confirmed)

Planning Committee:

Julie	Sara
Vici	Mary W.
Mary E.	Maureen
Sharon	Chris C.

Come One, Come All!

Marni Gillard as keynote? Chris C. to reach out to secure date

Edwina Gateley as second choice

Premise of Summit will be storytelling

Ask keynote to begin with storytelling and indicate how important it is to share to break down barriers and build communities

Chris C. – there cannot be technical parameters on storytelling

Must create a setting and opportunity to share stories. Simple stories, short stories and all the way to more intense & divine stories which could be intimidating

Vici – Create a sacred space so more intimate and trusting

➤ **Agenda topic – Succession Planning / Nominations**

Email Chris R. within the next two weeks with nominations, he will contact each nomination to secure acceptance of nomination

Next month will be a shortened meeting as Deacon Frank Berning will attend next meeting at 7:30pm for discernment regarding new Pastoral Council President

➤ **Agenda topic – Pastor's Report**

Wonderful Souper Bowl and food pantry donations. Souper Bowl total was \$1,798 which was unbelievable. The most donations came from the 4:00pm and 7:30am masses

Julie – OLS food pantry was officially opened. No guests yet (maybe next week) but the church is bursting with food.

Chuck stated the we are still supporting Rourke Center, Joseph's House

There is a concern by some parishioners that we are no longer supporting but we still do in other ways

Encourage volunteers to come to work at the food pantry a couple hours a month

The Presbyterian Church has been very generous in helping to organize the food pantry

52% of the Berlin Central School District is below poverty level

Vici stated that there were after school snacks at the Grafton library. There are birthday bags which include cake mix, candles, etc.

Holy Spirit working with networking

Julie – there are sign-up sheets at Grafton to help at food pantry –Volunteers must be 18 years and older

Julie’s grandkids had fun sorting food!

Father Patterson – Pastoral Planning

Father Kacerguis will be retiring in June which means tat Father Patterson will be responsible for Christ Son of Justice in September. While RPI does much of the work, it will entail an evening Mass.

Another ministry at OLV/OLS is not needed

Holy Thursday – a solemn and religious evening rather than a Pot Luck
Truly emphasize Eucharistic Adoration

Moving forward – say this is last year for pot luck on Holy Thursday
Have a Sater? If we do, we must have a true sater

Chris R. commented that having a Pot Luck dinner of Holy Thursday is such a tradition

Sharon commented that we really have to promote Adoration

Maureen commented that one detracts from the other

Mary E. suggested “What is Adoration?” be put on the AV before Mass

Maybe have pot luck dinner on the Saturday of Easter week (April 27th)

Maureen will speak to Kathy Fletcher about organizing the pot luck dinner

➤ **Agenda topic – Ear to the Ground / New Business**

David – A parishioner approached him regarding the estate planning book
Father has also been approached

Could there be a file for Parishioners regarding last wishes and planning?

Father Patterson will find out if there are any restrictions and requirements that the Parish office would have to follow.

Change for Change – The canisters are to be distributed the first weekend in March and collected the last weekend in March. Parishioners will be told to make checks out to OLV as is much cleaner

Meeting adjourned

Closing prayer – Father Patterson

Next meeting April 2, 2019