

# Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of Snow Minutes

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February 7, 2017, 630 Our Lady of Victory Education Center

Meeting called by Chris Russell (resident)  
Type of meeting Pastoral Council  
Facilitator Chris Russell  
Note taker Angela Sheehan (Secretary)

## Attendees

Fr. Patterson, Dick Sargood, Max Fecko, Margaret McCarthy, , Gloria Kieber, Paul Roney, Brian Lewis, Joseph Vece, Julie Darling, Maureen Cox, , Kyle Slavin, Chris Russell, Angela Sheehan

Guests: Mary Eaton

Excused: Hailey Hansen Marcqus Gettings, Brian Lewis, Joanne Bonesteel, Chris Carroll, Pat Ivory

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Agenda topic *Mission Statement* | Presenter *Brian Lewis*

Minutes approved by Maureen Cox and Paul Roney

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Agenda topic *Review of Pastoral Council Training Session at St. Edwards the Confessor in Clifton Park* | Presenter *Chris Russell*

### Discussion [Conversation]

CR-Training Event in January Making Parish Councils Pastoral- Mark F. Fischer-Pastoral Council 101 had a strategic focus, dovetailed with original plan. Copies of Call to Lead document is insightful. Conversation about size of a council and was also addressed in the document, should be between 6 & 8. Our council is 16 people in size, spoke about how the Council is not a coordinator of ministries.

MMc- The Document would have been helpful starting from day one, also speaks about making the agenda comprehensive, and give it depth to lead the discussion, enriched vs impoverished agenda to include context and duration

Fr. P. Good event, good number of people attended, good discussions, The Bishop was available to answer questions, Document is good to serve to educate new members of the council

CR- Many other councils are under old model

MMc- Process of discernment to choose new members is not a vote, alternates approved, purpose to be consultant to the pastor, investigate-reflect-recommend

CR had the council do an exercise Pretest and asked 10 True and False Statements.

Most people got 3 & 6 wrong.

### **Focus Interview Guide**

#### **Strengths of our council reviewed**

**JV-** Open communication, free flowing conversations

**PR-**multi generational

**AS-**work well together

**CR-** Energy when something has to get done

**Fr. P-** appreciate benefit of process-room for discussion-able to table matters-

#### **Weaknesses**

**CR-** Inconsistent attendance- makes things hard to plan with an inconsistent amount of people, consider a smaller size group

**PR-** states it is good to be a large group to get things done when people can't make it- need a quorum

**MMc-**Large group is good because we have more voices and a broader discussion-attendance is a concern however, life happens and people are committed, it is unreasonable to expect perfect attendance

**PR.** Parish may not understand value and role that we play on the Pastoral council,

**CR-** At the Summit, he heard comments that it is good that the Pastoral Council is doing something

**BL-** Parishioners are not locked in to Parish like they used to be, and many times they don't show up, it is a community weakness

**Fr. P.-**states he gets what he needs from the Council, perhaps he could inform the parish at large what the responsibility we have to the Parish and to Father who appreciates the discussion, what are the improvements that can be made, size of group is a topic for discussion, Education ourselves and new members with the Call to Lead Document which is available on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany website under Offices- Pastoral Planning

Ask ourselves if there is anything we should stop doing,

We need another body to oversee the ministries-subcommittee steps across the line- coordinating ministries can be handed over to Administration or another body-get it over and done and move forward

**MMc-** what other body is there

**CR-** this question wasn't answered at the Session-but it is a staff responsibility or administrative

**FrP.** Perhaps there should be a paid position for an administrative coordination of ministries.

**JD-**states there are a lot of ministries to coordinate

**ME-** other parishes and staffing always seems to be a pastoral planning associate of ministries, Various ways to do it- who ever does it needs a certain skill set.

**CR-** had a conversation with Father Patterson about this and the effort it takes to coordinate the ministries is a lot bigger than was originally thought, too much to take on as a volunteer basis

**ME** states that whoever it is will need staff support.

**Conclusion –** Council needs to have further discussion on the following action items:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Size of Council	Chris Russell	3/7/2017 6:30 PM
What improvements can be made in the Council	Chris Russell	3/7/2017 6:30 PM
Educate ourselves through Called to Lead Document	ALL	

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**Agenda topic** *Ministries Subcommittee* **Presenter** *Maureen Cox*

The Subcommittee identified gaps of ministries listed and the current documents listing all the ministries  
 It is currently all on the website in groupings, Vici Armsby took care of putting all of the info on the website  
 Blue Booklet 2009- with Bishop Hubbard  
 Nicole McQuade needs the info for reports  
 Excel spread sheet for every Ministry, contact person and info on the ministry  
 Will put a piece in the bulletin about people and ministry who needs people for recruitment purposes  
 Encourage ministries to think outside the box and include OLS- Vici is working with each ministry to do a video  
 New document to take the place of the blue booklet currently used

Conclusion Hand off all the work to Father and Staff

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Still have the Ministry Summit every year, action items will not land at the Pastoral Council-(Use the Summit as a Professional Day for everyone)	Council	TBA
Commit to having the new document in place by next meeting to help recruit people to Social Justice Ministry	Maureen Cox	March 7, 2017 6:30 PM

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**Agenda topic** *St Francis Xavier Orphanage in Haiti- Update* | **Presenter** *Gloria Keiber*

Change for Change Update- to Start on Ash Wednesday March 1, people to bring canisters home provided by Max Fecko to collect Change for Haitian Orphanage St. Francis Xavier instead of the Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief.  
 Need two maps of Haiti  
 JD- showed video of Haiti to the Altar Society at OLS, they have collected items for the earthquake and OLS is on board, they are waiting to hand out canisters. March Altar Rosary did a bake sale for Haiti, brochures needed for sponsorship, a few ministries can get together to sponsor  
 Commit to a child until 18 y.o. or is it a onetime donation.

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| **Agenda topic** *Ear to Ground* | **Presenter** *Julie Darling*

Grafton Summer Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 8-4  
 Meeting scheduled in March but already met once

Polar Plunge was sold out of 50 slots- 600.00 went toward the food pantry in Grafton, Winter Festival was a huge success,

Food Pantry needs help to help it grow- only opened for Thanksgiving and Easter, there is a great need to have it opened more and on a more consistent basis. Fr. Will make a statement about this, used to be opened more regularly and needs to return to this. They are not connected to the Regional Food Bank- need to grow ministry.

ME- offer a more organizational effort- ask people what they need.

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Action Item

Fr. Patterson to propose a regular food pantry with regular hours.

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Agenda topic Father's Report      Presenter    Father Patterson

Another Ministry is formed- Vocation Ministry- first Saturday in March will be dedicated to Priesthood, Marriage and the Consecrated Life- March 4 there is a Summit in Auriesville- Bishops Council- Presbytil- Opportunity- company offers a parish 49.00 to communicate with every parishioner, via text- St. Pius and St. Michaels have it and it is different than St. Ambrose- 1<sup>st</sup> year is free then 34.00/ month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year is 49.00/month

Tabling Foster Futures to the future

Lawsuit update- settled out of court for 150.000

New deacon- Deacon Willis Wolfe- Grafton on Sunday

Brother of Cathy Fletcher, moved from Washington DC and joined our parish, assigned to OLV/OLS to do wakes and Sunday Mass, Brian has a full-time job and is always present but limited

BL- Ray Dozois can't do run this year, Knights need help-large sponsorship fee, did a lot of leg work last year along with Maureen Cox was in spring last year 5K race for Homeless and Hungry, need finances and organization, typically 5K races don't make money.

Question how much money did the Super Bowl of Caring make last week.

Motion to adjourn Dick Sargood and Maureen Cox

Ending Prayer- Hail Mary- All

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017 6:30