

Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of Snow Minutes

January 8, 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, Brian Lewis, David Benjamin, Chris Carroll, Peter Ogno, Mary Wootten, Sharon Ryan, Warren Dolan
Facilitator	Chris Russell	
Note taker	Adrienne Villano (Secretary)	
		Excused: Sara Detmer, Frank Lamiano Absent: Kimberly Loccisano, Guest(s): Mary Eaton

OPENING PRAYER – EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Approve November Minutes – Peter Ogno & Julie Darling

Agenda topic – Mission Statement Sub Committee Discussion

Chris Carroll explained how the M.S. Subcommittee came to new Mission Statement and that the last word added was 'joyful'.

The entire council agreed and accepted the new OLV/OLS Mission Statement:

"Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of the Snow mission is to be a community of joyful disciples knowing, loving and serving God and each other."

Mary Eaton mentioned she envisioned Father Mike when focusing on the words, 'knowing, loving & serving '

All agree the Holy Spirit was hard at work

Chris Carroll pointed out that we need to announce the new mission statement in advance of Lent.

Decided - Various Council members will announce the new mission statement at each Mass the weekend of Jan 26th & 27th *. The new mission statement will be up on the A.V. & in the bulletin at that time; on the marquis sometime after.

- 4:00 pm Adrienne Villano
- 7:30 am Chuck Ciaccia
- 9:15 am Chris Russell
- 10:00 am Warren
- 11:30 am David Benjamin

**Later rescheduled to Feb 2nd & 3rd due to the snow storm of January 20th when Masses were cancelled and the call for Food Pantry items & Souper Bowl donations took precedence on Jan 26th & 27th.*

Maybe part of the rolling screen in the gathering area

The statement in the gathering area which reads, 'there are no wrong pews' will be replaced with the new mission statement.

Where exactly should we place the new mission statement? Under Father's picture

Chris Carroll will author the mission statement announcement and disperse to all council members on January 9th

Mary Eaton will create the slide then give to Maureen for audio visual purpose

Discussed and decided to reach out to Parish members for graphic design ideas during statement announcement. Mary Eaton will reach out to the children specifically for design ideas

Agenda topic – Pastoral Council Book Group Update

Fruitful Disciple almost at an end. Group is continuing to talk about and share charisms

The group has been reflecting on how to invite people to share charisms & faith stories. Still have to meet to discuss ideas.

Discussion on whether there should be another committee to help or just continue Book Group Committee.

Maureen reminded there will only be one month from next council meeting (Feb 5th to March 6th) to prepare faith story tellers during Lent

Also, we have to move forward to lay the groundwork for the Summit

Agenda topic – Pastor’s Report

- 3:00pm Vigil went very well.

Overflow problem? - Audio visual could be seen and heard in the gathering area along with visual only in the library.

In the future should the Vigil be held in the Parish Center? NO

Julie stated that OLS was also filled to capacity

The book, ‘The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity’ by Matthew Kelly was handed out to Parishioners at the beginning of Mass. It was disheartening to find books left in pews after Mass

Chuck & Sara each have book groups of which they are members and are discussing the Matthew Kelly book

Chris Carroll commented how the book is, “simple, ordinary and direct.”

Mary Eaton highlighted chapter 13 as the chapter to read if time is an issue

Comment- the title, ‘The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity’ is eye catching.

- Father brought up the Food Pantry

Julie stressed the need for in the Grafton area. OLS had an active food pantry at one time but it wasn’t used. Senior Center in Grafton, the Brunswick Presbyterian Church and Catholic Charities are all looking to find a more accessible location.

Comment - Always have had good results with organizations such as the Girl Scouts, obtaining food

Maureen Cox has a connection at the Food Pantries of the Capital District of which she will send to Julie

Greatest poverty issue is in rural areas, urban areas have greater opportunities and accessibility for assistance.

Maureen suggested people should give monetary donations instead of food which can be spent on much needed items

St. Ambrose has a food pantry which is very popular. There are so many older individuals you wouldn’t believe and also college kids

Sharon suggested OLV/OLS record a photo documentary. Maureen agreed

Agenda topic – Plan for Upcoming Meetings

- February meeting – nominees for Council President
- March will be discernment
- April & May will be October Summit planning
- May – planning with new president for fall discernment for new members
- Every month – Joseph’s House updates from Social Justice Ministry & Columbiettes

Agenda topic – Ear to the Ground / New Business

Is there something we could do to promote “In from the Cold”?

Father Patterson stated there was a transition in leadership so nothing more was heard – no invitation. We are not getting the information like in the past.

Mary E. has found that she has had to seek out information regarding events always received in the past.

Chuck has information and connections – he and Mary to connect on this.

Meeting adjourned

Closing prayer – Father Patterson

Next meeting March 5, 2019