

Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of Snow Minutes

November 6, 2018 6:30pm Our Lady of Victory Classroom Rm 116

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

OPENING PRAYER – EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Follow up from October 4th meeting:

Father Patterson had a conversation with Peter Ficcalora and thought it best Peter did not sit on the council moving forward. Council members present show appreciation for Father's support and are grateful he spoke with Peter.

Question- Should there be a new Alternate? No, the Council can stay as is.

Approve October Minutes – Peter Ogno & Chris Russell

Agenda topic – Mission Statement Sub Committee Discussion

Chris C. has received a few mission statement ideas which she sent via email to each Council member. Chris C. proposed to reflect on what was submitted. Sub Committee will meet in December to discuss and formulate a new mission statement.

Father Patterson believes this is important and all Council members should reflect and submit suggestions by December 4th.

Dr Oz quote: "Team work makes the dream work" (originally authored by John C. Maxwell, Leadership Expert, Coach & Author). Turn into 'Team work makes the mission work!'

Agenda topic – Pastoral Council Book Group Update

The Group has finished chapters 3 & 4. Chapters 5 & 6 are assigned for December.

Chapters 3 & 4 most significant – Evangelization also beginning. Speaking simple truths and opening one's heart.

How to interpret the Gospel appropriately?

Charisms – How can we identify in us and in others?

Mary E. is coming up with ideas from the Group's discussions. Touch up still needed. Moving forward to Summit any reading and reflecting is encouraged welcome just like Father Patterson's "awesome homilies".

Agenda topic – Host for Haiti feedback

\$1,221 added to Siena event, over \$30,000.

Youth helped

There were a small percentage of Faith Formation families in attendance

Why? Vici can only guess...if they don't have to be there, an event isn't mandatory, people won't be in attendance.

They tried with good will offering to encourage

People are busy therefore will pick and choose events. Also, it was a long time to be here.

Chris C. noticed how a little girl was enthralled with seeing all the pictures and seeing Sinat speak.

Mary E. mentioned that sometimes parents just drop kids off and go

The people there were those that attend everything

Father Patterson – A challenge how to evangelize families not seen at Mass. Struggle is the same at every parish. How to move forward in Faith Formation? How to promote our message?

Mary E. suggested a Faith Formation council. But have parents buy into what?

Do parents always sit in?

Vici - homeschooling available

Can't be Sept – May. School is creative and offering more but also during busiest times of the year. If parents saw more maybe they would be more involved?

Every parent would have to be VIRTUS background checked and trained – that can't stop us.

We want to form more disciples. Maybe intergenerational Faith Formation.

When making something mandatory its months in the making. Messages are sent out constantly and still people forget.

It comes down to more than just Mary, Vici and the catechists. Much work is involved – everyone tapping onto their own gifts.

All parents would have to be asked, survey to be done.

Sara suggested shorter, fun lessons, having parents involved.

What do we need to offer which would be in line with new Mission Statement?

OLS has sessions 1 hour before Mass a few times a year

OLV has the space and information to disseminate. Just have to make the decision to start.

Father Patterson suggested the establishment of a Faith Formation Board.

Having Faith Formation and Mass is too long for kids but when there isn't Faith Formation people don't go to Mass

Mary Wootten – It's too long for her kids, they were starving.

Chris R. stated that it's the only time he and Terry have alone together

What about using books with parents to increase interest? That began with Matthew Kelly books and has been going on for years.

There is more opportunity to engage during Mass. How about during homily?

Let's take a look at way 9:15 Mass is done. Invite kids to come sit on floor during the homily?

The readings? Kids (and parents) don't understand the readings.

Class Masses? First Friday Mass, theatrical Sister acting out and get grades prepared for Mass

Start with kids taking up the collection. If the kids are more involved, maybe the parents would be more involved.

Mary, Vici and Father will meet to discuss and bring proposal to January Council meeting.

Father to say something during Mass regarding changing children's Mass for Christmas.

Maybe have a 10pm Mass?

Can't we just make a decision instead of asking?

Father will do a quick canvas of people this weekend

OLS Mass is at 6pm

Agenda topic – Pastor's Report

Summit timing? Move to October (so able to better prepare and investigate Catherine of Siena Institute's Called & Gifted program with Sherry Weddell. It is a three year program but we don't have to commit to entire program.

Parish has been evolving toward this

Summit history:

First year – Leaders of ministries

Second year – Leaders and members of ministries

Now – involve whole parish

Time and Cost – 2 hours Friday, 6 hours Saturday

\$3,500 plus air fare

Money to be coming back to Parish from Reigniting Faith

All agree to move Summit to October

Further Summit discussion during January Council meeting

New business:

Ministry Vocation survey – 59 responses.

Has there ever been a structured Ministry Fair to inform people? Continue discussion in January

Meeting adjourned

Closing prayer – Father Patterson

Next meeting – January 8, 2019