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# Leadership Night Report

## Our Sacred Purpose

*Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.*

## Vision

*Build with the Mercy of the Father*

### Pastoral Council (10.17.2019)

**Present:** Fr. Andrzej Wrosteck, Cathleen Denekamp, Wade Rhodes, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon John Osnes, Lorinda Collings, Erik Haakedahl, Audrey Montileaux, Brad Blauvelt, Jane Abernathy, Bob Weaver, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with the Leadership Night commissions relating their minutes from earlier in the evening (found below). Discussion took place regarding what good the parish council has done in the last two years. Thoughts included increased hospitality, mailing the annual report to homes and adding more information in the annual report, the council having a good mix of members, the share out/collaboration leadership night has increased, the budgeting process and ability to make immediate strategic decisions.

The building committee met on October 8, 2019 and related the following: we are waiting for a sample of the replacement doors for the front, Frank Boner is addressing the cabinets in the basement kitchen, the rectory driveway will be sealed by hand this spring, the rectory basement renovation is on hold, security cameras are ordered and awaiting install, the Holy water font needs repairs up to replumbing the font due to sediment issues there are pinhole leaks in the plumbing that seem to be adding to the issues the committee discussed they would like to change the system to pex piping and possibly look at a reverse osmosis system for the incoming water.

The first quarter financial report was given and it was noted by bookkeeper, Lorinda Collings, and by the finance council at their meeting October 16, 2019 that the report looks very good. The balance sheet is broken out quarterly for the budgeted expenses and YTD budget difference thus some things look as though they are over budget due to money being spent early on in the year and no more funds being spent later in the year. Currently we are \$6K under budget for Q1.

A security update was given by Fr. Andrzej in which he noted that cameras have been ordered and that Cpt. James Johns of the Rapid City Police Department reviewed the camera placement which led to a minor cost increase but will increase their effectiveness. The cameras are wired and interconnected.

Discussion took place regarding the first two articles of the Constitution of the Pastoral Council of Our Lady of the Black Hills. It was discussed that Article II section 1a. will change to At least one member from each active commission... Additionally, 1e. was changed to Up to two high school/college youth who have been confirmed... The next two articles will be reviewed at the next meeting of the pastoral council.

Lastly Fr. Andrzej asked whether or not Our Lady of the Black Hills would like to be a pilot program for the new peer to peer relational ministry coming out of the office of Family Life Ministries at the Diocese. The new ministry will aid people in making connections, not financial, for those experiencing a difficult time in life i.e. recovery, newly widowed, the loss of a child, etc. There will be training for those involved. The council agreed Our Lady of the Black Hills would like to proceed with this ministry.

### Evangelization Commission (10.17.2019)

**Present:** Jane Abernathy, Debra Jensen, Eleanor Moriarty, Joni Osnes, Sheila Keeler, Jean Hohm

The commission members were asked to answer the questions Cathleen Denekamp presented to all the commissions (ie how do you see the work of your commissions?)

-Group noted the Evangelization process (ChristLife) is now in its third year. This is working to achieve the Diocesan Plan to "act and form intentional disciples who joyfully, boldly and lovingly proclaim and live the mission of Jesus Christ, leading to eternal life."

-The members spent the next 10 minutes discussing the UCCB leader's guide, "Living as Missionary Disciples". Members will read through page 20 and be prepared to discuss at the next Leadership meeting. Discussion followed with this question, "How do you make people realize what you are doing is because you are a disciple?"

Dates were set to make Advent cards with Mass times for the Christmas and New Year's Masses to hand out when groups go out caroling, and to send to parishioners. Those dates are October 30, 2019 and November 4, 2019 at 9:30 am. Members will pack boxes to send to young adults who graduated from high school this spring and to a parishioner who is deployed on Tuesday, Nov 12, 2019 at 9:30 am.

### Administration Commission (10.17.19)

**Present:** Audrey Montileaux, Bridgette Fode, Erik Haakedahl, Abby Philbrick, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood  
The Administration Commission looked back at the goals we have accomplished in the past two years. They included: parking lot sealing and repainting, reconfiguration of the wi-fi system, new playground equipment, air conditioning and furnaces replaced, boiler replaced, TV in Narthex, railings near the Altar, the installation of the lift, security system install in progress, new front doors, etc. A review of the recent building committee meeting took place (notes in pastoral council) minutes. It was discussed that all previous goals have been met and we will begin discussing new goals at the next meeting.

### **Worship Commission (10.17.2019)**

**Present:** Brad Blauvelt, Lorraine Ptacek, Jim Landers

-How Worship Commission worked with Diocesan and Parish Mission Statements: Positives that come from past work-1. Liturgies always improving, ex. Music, quality of Readers, quality of Hospitality, engaged and increased altar servers; Attendance at Mass-fewer leaving early, more staying after to pray; Adoration-Corpus Christi procession and adoration well attended, Our Lady of Fatima Presentation-well attended, Parish Feast Day Procession and Adoration well attended; Youth Participation in Liturgies enhanced-music (bells, strings, new keyboard), readers, greeters, Stations of the Cross. Through ministering to families for Funeral and Wedding Liturgies, helping 'transform lives with the Father's mercy and proclaiming joy.' Out in the Community-greeting our brothers and sisters from OLBH in other places and openly sharing our plans and our excitement about Liturgy! In all these ways we help to 'attract and form intentional disciples who joyfully, boldly, and lovingly proclaim and live Christ's mission...and proclaim the joy of the Gospel...to transform lives with the Father's mercy.'

-Continued work on Action Plans:

Goal: Increase participation in Adoration: Pick one or two weekend Liturgies in November to have 3 min. witness talks on Adoration before mass; ask some that attend Wed. Adoration on a regular basis and work with the speakers on their talks. Ongoing goal to have Group lead prayer time during Adoration a couple times during Seasons.

Goal: Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies:

Continue Youth participation in Ministries one weekend a month at 11am. Year of the Eucharist look at hymns.

### **Stewardship Council (10.17.19)**

**Present:** Deacon John Osnes, Andrew Boyd, John Kerstiens, Megan Kerstiens, Joshua Weaver

**Guest:** Diocesan Director of Stewardship - Shawna Hansen

The Stewardship Council reflected on the question 'What good has our council done in the last 2 years and how has it aligned with the Diocesan and parish mission statement?' First and foremost was hosting the first Stewardship Fair and how well that was a success. It directly aligns with the 'attract and form intentional disciples' in the mission statement. In addition to the Stewardship Fair, we also accomplished two pillars of the 'Stewardship Parish' accreditation from the Diocese. OLBH has been recognized as a Foundational Parish and Hospitable Parish. We have since completed our third self-assessment and had the privilege of discussing it with the Director of Stewardship, Shawna Hansen. The assessment was called 'Lively Parish'. We deep dove into the discussion on the assessment, and found that our census data is accurate, that we have great mass attendance (>50% vs national average of 25%), and overwhelming numbers of parishioners who actively teach children to pray and pray themselves daily for at least 15 minutes. Where OLBH struggled, not uncommon, was with reconciliation attendance. Over 60% of parishioners do not attend at least a yearly Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is where we discussed possible options to help improve attendance of the Sacrament. Overall, we were well pleased with the review and will devise an action plan/goals to improve on weak areas of the review.

### **Catholic Outreach Commission (10.17.19)**

**Present:** Nikki Dyczek, Barb Landers, Bob Weaver

The Outreach Commission has the following sub committees: Cards of caring, care for the earth, Cornerstone Mission meals, human trafficking, jail ministry, prayer blankets, prayer chain, right to life, Saint Vincent de Paul, and our sister parish.

Goals for subcommittees:

1. Gather together chair persons or representatives of the 14-sub committees, quarterly or bi-yearly, in order to coordinate activities and get to know the mission and work for the committees.
2. Share the work of the sub-committees with a rotating monthly description of the sub-committees and their work in the OLBH bulletin.

Goals for Next Meeting:

1. Bob Weaver will contact the Knights of Columbus to find out what pro-life projects they have on their agenda, how they are coordinating their activities with RC R to L, and how we can help them with the pro-life ministry.
2. Nikki Dyczek will complete work on her portion of the Sister Parish Prayer project so that we can begin recruiting prayer warriors.
3. Barb Landers will contact the leaders of the other ministries to establish a chain of command.

### **Discipleship Commission (10.07.2019)**

**Present:** Deacon Greg Sass, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon John Osnes, Rhonda Gehlsen, Joni Osnes, Brad Blauvelt, Stacy Tate, LaChel McCollar, Brenda Czmowski, and Teresa Thompson

The meeting began with a prayer led by Fr. Andrzej. Minutes of the last commission meeting were reviewed and approved.

Discussion followed with reports of the Summit 2019, registration and attendance of Pre-K-5, middle school, high school, and adult faith formation classes. Rhonda related numbers are up for elementary classes. Attendance for middle and high school students has not increased. The members discussed the challenges that continue to be present for this group. Adult faith participation has increased on Sunday mornings. ChristLife has 30 members attending on Wednesday evenings. Another ChristLife session will begin in January 2020.

A report on the RCIA inquiry phase was given by Brad Blauvelt and Stacy Tate. There was a request for parishioners who would pray for these participants. Cards with the participants names will be available after the November 2 and 3 weekend Masses for parishioners to take home and pray for the candidates.

Deacon John presented the results of the in-pew survey and stated the Stewardship council would be meeting with Shawna Hanson, Director of Stewardship, on Thursday, October 17 to review and discuss the report that was submitted in the Lively Faith phase of the Stewardship Parish project.