

Council and Commission Members

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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 (1/17/2019)

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrstek, Wade Rhodes, Deacon John Osnes, Erik Haakedahl, Brad Blauvelt, Joni Osnes, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with a prayer. It was discussed that the next meeting will open with 15 minutes of prayer time. The leadership night information was not reviewed because all present attended Leadership Night. Erik Haakedahl gave a building committee update. He stated the garage renovation will begin in the next couple of weeks. He is also trying to replace the thermostats to aid in keeping the classrooms warm. The snow melt system is being investigated; Erik noted mats won't work because we do not have enough power to the area nor room in the electric panel. The building committee is scheduling their next meeting soon. Parking lot security was also discussed. We are limited by our wi-fi capabilities and power accessibility. We will get some bids to determine the feasibility of security requirements. A Living the Mission campaign update was given by Fr. Andrzej Wyrstek where he noted we are nearing 100% of our goal and everything after will be at a 60% return to the parish. The campaign will wrap up in our parish at the end of February. Pastoral Ministry Days is coming up April 8-9, 2019. We need as many people from pastoral council to attend as possible. Those on the commissions are also highly encouraged to attend. The Year of the Eucharist is coming up and we may need to budget for materials and books. It has been requested that we focus our catechesis on the Eucharist. It will begin on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Evangelization Commission (01/10/2019)

Present: Members Present: Eileen Desmond, Audra West, Stacy Tate and Joni Osnes, Teresa Eral(visitor)
Members met to address agenda items including details of the Stewardship Fair on March 23 and 24 after each of the weekend Masses. We decided on our theme, decorations and will contact some ministries who might want to participate in our area to inform and invite.

High need areas for this commission include:

- 1) enlarging the number of persons who are committed to sharing Christ with others who walk thru our church doors, and those who are not walking through our doors.
- 2) Finding more ways to welcome others when they are here at OLBH. Ideas discussed included:
 - 1) volunteer persons to be available at funerals to operate the lift
 - 2) Volunteer to do Baptism family follow up
 - 3) Telephone callers for parish events
- 4) Mathew Kelly's Book, The Biggest Lie, for Easter book
- 5) Christmas caroling in Advent with Cards(made by) children and invitation to come worship with us for Christmas

Discussion followed regarding the Senior Brunch scheduled on January 12, 2019 from 10-11:30 am. Eileen Desmond will be helping with this event.

Stewardship Council (01/10/2019)

Present: Deacon John Osnes, Dr. John Usera, Andrew Boyd, Pam Freeman

Absent: John Kersteins, Megan Kersteins, Kodi Carlin, Amanda Gottlob, Matt Gottlob, Joshua Weaver
The Stewardship Council primarily focused on solidifying the aspects of the upcoming Stewardship Fair. Deacon John presented the idea to the other commissions and explained what their involvement would be. We have a few action items to address including creating the poker hand cards and getting stamps, playing cards, and more door prizes. It was mentioned that we have completed the second pillar (Hospitable Parish) on the way to becoming recognized a Stewardship Parish, and that at February meeting we will be passing out the 3rd diocesan self-assessment, focused on Lively Faith. The council will be meeting on February 7th at leadership night.

Social Justice Commission (01/10/2019)

Present: Barb Landers, Fr. Andrzej

Due to schedule conflicts only one member of the OLBH Social Justice Committee was able to attend the OLBH Leadership Meeting on January 10. Co-Chair Barb Landers met with Fr. Andrzej for a few minutes at the beginning of the session. They discussed plans for the OLBH 2019 SD Legislative Update which will be held on Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 PM. A bulletin announcement will appear in next Sunday's bulletin. They also discussed plans for the OLBH Ministry Fair scheduled for March 23 & 24. The SJ Committee will display materials for social justice ministries including: family life, pro-life, euthanasia, sustainable farming, human trafficking, etc. The SJ committee will also feature information on Natural Family Planning at the SJ table.

Administration Commission (01/10/2019)

Present: Erik Haakedahl, LaChel McCollar, Katie Harwood, Audrey Montileaux, Lorinda Collings

The meeting began with Fr. Andrzej reiterating there have been break-ins in the parking lot during Mass and faith formation times. Additionally, Deacon John Osnes reported on what is necessary for each commission to do to host the stewardship fair. It was noted that Aaron Johnson has moved from the parish and will no longer be able to chair the commission. Discussion ensued, Audrey Montileaux noted she will be able to act as chair this fall, but is currently finishing her degree. Abby Philbrick was nominated to act as interim chair. We then discussed parking lot security including cameras and signage to deter potential thieves. Erik Haakedahl noted the boiler project has been completed. The goal will be to have the demolition and dirt work completed for the new playground to be delivered and installed May 1. He also noted Marty Quinn will begin the garage renovation in 2-3 weeks; a single unit heating and cooling unit will be used. There was talk of installing vents on the classroom doors in the basement to aid in cold air return efficiency. The meeting was closed noting the date of the next meeting has been changed from February 14 to February 7, 2019. Final preparations for the stewardship fair booth will take place at the next meeting.

Worship Commission (01/10/2019)

Present: Brad Blauvelt, Todd Phillipe, Jim Landers & Lorraine Ptacek

Diocesan & Parish Pastoral Priority Plan on Reconciliation: Implement witness talk before masses during Lent-pick a date (or two) and pick people to speak at masses-it was suggested to ask 'converts' to speak and to ask for some participants from ChristLife.

Goal: Increase participation in Adoration: We discussed looking for help to follow thru with special prayer times/ holy hours, as we had conflicts as Worship Commission members during Advent in leading these. Discussed moving Taize Prayer (now every 2nd Wed. at Terra Sancta) to OLBH for next year-talk about rel. ed. working some attendance into their schedules & help from Art and Environment.

Goal: Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies: Practice for Kids' Music Ministry is at 9:15-9:45am on some Sundays. For the Christmas Eve 4:00 mass there were extra rehearsals for Bells and Percussion. Youth Group played at 11am during the Christmas season. The once-a-month Kids/Youth Ministry will begin again the last Sunday of Feb. at 11am. The Christmas Music program for Religious Ed. was more involved this year: speaking/acting parts, props, and more costuming. For Lent, Lorraine would like to possibly order a new Kid's Stations of the Cross and/or a Music Minister's Stations of the Cross to implement this year.

History of the Church Brochure: Brad is adding to the Brochure (needs more pictures) without finishing touches to the altar (still planned).

Stewardship Fair: Discussed priorities-More Hosp. Ministers, Sacristans, 5pm cantors; those to work tables/Brad offered for all masses.

Our Lady of the Black Hills Discipleship Meeting

January 7, 2019, 6:00-7:30 pm

Members present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass (Chair), Rhonda Gehlsen, Joni Osnes, Brad Blauvelt, Brenda Czmowski, LaChel McCollar, Stacy Tate, Teresa Thompson

Meeting opened with prayer led by Deacon John Osnes. Agenda and minutes from May 15, 2018 meeting were approved by John Osnes and seconded by Brenda Czmowski.

Discussion regarding the Mass times changes followed. Several members reported they had received comments stating they missed the 6 pm Sunday Mass but the group said they were not hearing negative comments about the changes now. Father Andrzej stated he will wait to see how the summer attendance goes. It was noted when faith formation classes are not held Sunday attendance is less.

Rhonda Gehlsen gave a report on resources, registration and attendance for Pre-K- High School, report attached. Rhonda was asked how the transition from traditional classes to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is progressing. She is assessing the need for another Level I room and resources or to offer Level one at an additional time. The challenge is finding trained Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teachers. She has talked with Amy Jullian to arrange for a Level 2 training session this summer hosted by the OLBH parish and is looking for a Level 1 training for three interested people. Rhonda stated the training is 90 hours and those who work have trouble taking time off; LaChel McCollar said she would take the training if it were not organized the way it is. Deacon Greg asked Rhonda to present a 3 year plan for transitioning to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Pre-K-6 at the next Discipleship meeting. Rhonda told the group the addition of Wednesday night faith formation has worked well. Parents have positive comments and attendance is consistent. Another advantage is the children's classes are experiencing Adoration and some parents are attending Adoration while their children are in class. The Middle and High School attendance is minimal and discussion followed and plans to determine what is working in other churches to attract this age group include contacting those groups and reporting back at the next meeting.

Joni reported on Adult Faith Formation, see attached report. Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist includes 4 meetings with the children and parents. Deacon Greg is using Forgiven from Formed in 4 sessions when Rhonda meets with the children. Parents have indicated this is helpful increase their knowledge about the sacraments so that they can teach their children. The parent group will use Presence for Eucharist preparation. They meet 4 times before First Communion is celebrated in May, 2019.

The Evangelization process, ChristLife, is proceeding. The session started September 30th and finished just before Thanksgiving. We had 64 registrants. The second set of sessions began on January 6 with 42 persons. This session teaches the tools necessary for becoming an intentional disciple. The third session will begin in March and conclude by Easter week.

There are 25 families who have had a child baptized at OLBH and are receiving follow up packets. Teresa Thompson suggested sending a postcard to these families to determine if they want to continue receiving these packets which would evaluate this form of follow-up. A Baptism gathering for families who have had a child baptized since January 2018 is in the planning stage.

Brad Blauvelt and Stacy Tate reported they have 3 candidates who are participating in the Adult RCIA class. They are using Symbolon and reported there has been honest, good dialogue with the participants.

Deacon John announced the Stewardship fair will be held on March 23 and 24, 2019 and all commissions will have space to provide information and excitement for participation in the ministries under those commissions. He asked for representatives from the discipleship commission to be present after all the Masses that weekend. Five grand prizes will be awarded to participants who visit the booths and fill their cards to be eligible for the drawing. Deacon John reminded the group that evaluations are necessary. Input from the parents and the children will help to improve our faith formation programs.

The next Discipleship meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2019. Deacon Greg Sass led prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Faith Formation Numbers As of 1/7/2019

SUNDAY	# Kids in Class	AVG Attendance	WEDNESDAY	# Kids in Class	AVG Attendance
CGS I	13	71%	CGS I	12	83%
CGS II	13	83%	CGS II	8	85%
CGS III	5	78%	CGS III	10	76%
Trad PreK	7	60%	Trad 1-3	9	84%
Trad 1-3	7	60%	Trad 4-5	4	85%
Trad 1-3	7	60%	Conf.	13	82%
Trad 4-5	7	77%	YDG I	2	100%
Trad 6	12	73%	YDB II	4	71%
Overall Average:	71	70%		62	83%

**No Stats on YDG II, or YDB I At The Moment

Curriculums In Use:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I, II, III

** I have been in contact with Amy Julien to take the necessary steps to hold a Level II training this summer

**I have 2 Level I catechists who will finish their training in June 2019.

**I would like to begin a 2nd Level I atrium in May, after classes are finished (classroom next to basement exit doors)

Traditional Classes 1-3 & 4-5 use Spirit in Truth from Sophia Institute. Traditional 6th Grade uses Sealed by Fire and Confirmation uses Chosen by Ascension Press. Kids who have been confirmed use Ydisciple (7th & up). 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist uses Blessed by Dynamic Catholic for the children.

Adult Faith Formation

Wisdom Wednesdays

09/19/2018 – Reverence for the Eucharist – 20 participants

10/17/2018 – Internet Safety – 30 participants

11/14/2018 – Angels and Saints – 30 participants

01/16/2018 – Suicide Prevention

02/20/2019 – Deacon Ministry

03/20/2019 – Indulgences

04/17/2019 – Caring for the Earth (?)

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes

09/2018 – Presence

11/2018 – The Mass

01/2019 – Peter

03/2019 – Sharing the Good News

ChristLife

09/2018 – Discovering Christ – 63 Registered

01/2019 – Following Christ – 42 Registered

Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist Parents – 20 participants