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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 Meeting – September 20, 2018

Present:

**Stewardship Council**

**Present:** Deacon John Osnes, Andrew Boyd, Matt Gottlob, Pam Freeman, John Kersteins, Megan Kersteins, Kodi Carlin

**Absent:** Amanda Horn

The Stewardship Council has four new members, a new chair (Deacon John) and a focused direction. During the meeting the council primarily focused on introductions and high-level structure and goals as half of the members are new to the council. We discussed the first two pillars of self-assessments that OLBH has achieved on its way to become recognized as a Stewardship Parish and the feedback that we received from the Diocesan Office of Stewardship. We will be focusing on the areas of desired growth that were highlighted in the feedback and propose a plan that will be sent back to the diocese. The council will not be participating in October's leadership night and will be meeting on October 16th.

**Evangelization Commission**

**Present:** Eileen Desmond, Stacy Tate, Jane Abernathy, Joni Osnes

**Absent:** Audra West, Jean Hohm

Commission members were introduced to new member, Jane Abernathy. Deb Steele has decided to resign from this commission.

Goals were reviewed. Discussion followed and the group has determined this commission should reach out to senior OLBH members, deployed servicemen and women, and High School graduates of 2017-2018 school year. A project to gather things for care packages for the high school graduates and the deployed service people will be initiated. A lunch and short retreat for seniors will be planned at the beginning of Advent.

An action item for this commission is to publish a story once a month in the bulletin illustrating how evangelization is demonstrated in our parish.

**Worship Commission**

**Present:** Jim Landers, Brad Blauvelt, Todd Phillips, and Lorraine Ptacek

Goals were discussed. The History brochure is on hold until the altar is finished. Rosary to be led before masses 5 PM and 8 AM during October; possibly to be led after the 11 AM as well. Special prayer times during Adoration for Advent discussed-Brad will bring Litanies that groups might utilize. Continued discussion of getting kids more involved at mass, possibly once a month music and other ministries at the 11 AM mass.

**Social Justice Commission**

**Present:** Barb Landers, Nikki Dyczek, and Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek

It was decided that Nikki Dyczek and Barb Landers would serve as co-chairs of the committee. Barb Landers will write a report of the Commission meeting on Leadership Night and Nikki Dyczek will deliver a report at the Parish Council Meeting.

Review of Ministries:

1. Cornerstone Mission Meals – OLBH serves one meal per month at the Cornerstone Mission. Fr Andrzej told us that new volunteers are needed. We are awaiting additional information from parish secretary
2. Habitat for Humanity – presently inactive.
3. Sister Parish Committee – OLBH contributes \$800/month to our Sister Parish Saint Bernard in McLaughlin, SD. Once a month Fr. Andrzej offers a Mass for our sister parish helping to draw attention to the spiritual connection of our parishes. When books are given to OLBH parishioners extra copies are ordered and sent to St. Bernard. The Social Justice curriculum used at OLBH last year was shared with our sister parish. OLBH assisted at the St Bernard Confirmation Retreat at Terra Sancta earlier this year, and a CCD class raised money and purchased Christmas decorations which they delivered to St Bernard last December. The Commission will assess the needs of St Bernard and decide on action for the coming year. The Commission would like to formulate a project in conjunction with St Bernard to promote the canonization of Nicholas Black Elk.

4. SCOPE Foundation - The S.C.O.P.E. Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity which chooses to make a commitment to the poor through supporting education in El Salvador. Donations and sponsorships are handled by the parish secretary.
5. Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association Food Pantry – The Food Pantry is open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Fr. Andrzej and the parish secretary coordinate with the Ministerial Association concerning the stocking of and distribution from the pantry. The parish secretary handles the gas vouchers given to the needy. The parish Boy Scout Troop organizes a food donation campaign as a yearly project. Dee and George Miller volunteer to organize the Pantry.
6. Jail Ministry – Brad Blauvelt is the Our Lady of the Black Hills representative for the Hope for New Life Jail Ministry headed by Tony Gallas of Blessed Sacrament Church and Deacon Greg Palmer is the leader of the prison ministry for the local jail. The Commission will contact them to find out if they need any assistance.
7. St. Vincent de Paul Conference has its own organization and leadership. A donation collection box for the thrift shop is in the church parking lot. The Commission will coordinate with the leaders of the Conference, as necessary, for fund raising activities and other needs.
8. Pastoral Care to the Homebound and Sick – Kathy Van Asma coordinates this ministry. Additional information is being sought.
9. Prayer Chain/Card Ministry - awaiting information from parish secretary
10. Healing Meals - awaiting information from parish secretary.
11. Prayer Blankets - awaiting information from parish secretary.

It was decided that the Corporal Works of Mercy will be the theme and guide line for Social Justice Commission Projects for the coming year. Specific projects will be discussed at the next meeting.