



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 11th, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by chairperson, Alana LaPerle; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jack	Lorie Rogers	John Harmata
Helen Doyle	Patrick Lema	Michelle Szott
Father Wilf	Mary Friesenhan	Mike Thompson
Alana LaPerle	Ed Burchmore	Dave Kornder
Ann Burkinshaw		

2. The opening prayer was led by Ann Burkinshaw

3. PPC Formation (Pastoral Letter)

All members were advised to read the “Foundations” section in the Archbishop’s Pastoral letter and be prepared to discuss: in what ways do I encounter Christ in my life? what does it mean to be an authentic witness for Christ? in what ways am I an authentic witness for others? what does it mean to be holy, and how do I help others along the path to holiness? Several ideas were presented: we encounter Christ in others, cursilio and volunteering provided a deeper relationship with Jesus, listen to people who are suffering, we are blessed to be free to celebrate in our communities, Christ walks with the candidates of the RCIA program, volunteers offer peace to those who are dying, use of images are rich in our faith, and the people to whom we minister also minister to us.

4. The agenda was amended to put the opening prayer before PPC Formation

5. The minutes of the previous meeting were amended by deleting **CWL** from #7: Major Projects, Issues, Initiatives: a) Looking forward:

6. Business arising from the Minutes: Items are included in #7

7: Major Projects, Issues, Initiatives:

- a) Thank-you for Dave Carkner: Michelle will contact Dave’s family to get ideas for an appropriate gift and advise PPC at the February meeting. We will make decision at next meeting.
- b) Shrove Tuesday-Feb. 21-Ed Burchmore will take the lead; PPC members are required to assist with food prep and serving on Feb. 21st and set-up on Feb. 20th
- c) PPC Constitution: committee has met and proposed changes will be outlined and sent to PPC members; we will review at next meeting

- d) PPC liaison with parish ministries: Alana will send updated list; duty of PPC member is to visit the ministry, see if PPC can assist, and be their contact with PPC
- e) Let's talk about money: Alana met with Tony Sykora; hope to get started after Easter, will launch 5 for 5 in September, Tony will meet with Father Jack re direction.
- f) Catholics coming home-add to agenda for February meeting

8. Standing Reports:

- a) Liturgy Council: Father Wilf advised that there has not been a meeting since December; PPC should speak on Liturgical matters; mission was a great success, but lacked youth; most Christmas Masses were full, with the exception of the 6:30 Mass-will continue to offer it next year; call to stewardship needs revitalization; current ministers should act as mentors to new ones; PPC liaison contacts should discuss recruitment on their visits; should greeters be a separate ministry, and who should lead this ministry?
- b) Administration and Finance: Father Jack advised that we ended the year with a small surplus; people were very generous over Christmas; have approximately \$100,000 in reserve

9. Pastor's Report: Father Jack advised that 2 men have applied for the permanent diaconate program; we are encouraged to pray for them; they will be attached to our parish when they finish the program

10. Information and Discussion:

- a) **Correspondence:** Thank-you cards were received from Fathers Jack and Wilf for the Christmas gifts
- b) **Recent Parish Successes:** Christmas Masses
- c) **Ongoing Faith Formation:** next session is on Jan. 25th with Archbishop Gerard Pettipas-the church through the lens of a bishop's eye

11. Significant PPC dates:

- a) OFF dates: January 25th-Archbishop Pettipas and Jan. 30th-David Wells
- b) Nothing More Beautiful-February 16th
- c) Executive meeting on Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 AM
- d) Next PPC meeting on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 PM

12. The closing prayer was led by Ann Burkinshaw; meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM