

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council
November 4, 2014
Minutes (submitted by Kerry Payson on November 24, 2014)

Present: Fabiola Aguilera, Leo Bernotas, Dom Bettinelli, Jeff Bloechl, John Flaherty, John Glancy, Jim Hanlon, Fr. Chip Hines, Senior Deacon Mike Iwanowicz, Kate Mason, Marty Murphy, Kerry Payson, Claire Ramsbottom, Carol Roberto, and Ann Marie Rosa

Update on Music Director Search – Search Committee chose three candidates to be interviewed by parish pastoral staff. References are being checked and an offer will be made to one of the candidates soon. Fr Chip hopes the chosen candidate will begin by Advent. (Since the time of our meeting, Judith Lowe has been hired and Judith began working on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Welcome, Judith!)

Review of OLOS Traditions – 1. Altar servers, lectors, etc. - Ann Marie asked if procedures can be put in place for altar servers and lectors with regards to processing in and out of sanctuary, etc. Fr. Chip didn't realize this was an issue. Fabiola shared that Fr. Vinnie spoke to the altar servers about this. Deacon Mike said that this will be a work in progress. 2. Remembrance of the dead on Nov. 1 – Deacon Mike said that he and Chris Muldoon remembered that names (of the deceased from the past year) needed to be read out loud during first weekend Masses in November. Mike shared that he and Chris are beginning to write things down so we have a record of traditions that were done in the past at OLOS (so we can continue these traditions in the future). 3. Christmas Schedule – Fr. Chip suggested the following Christmas schedule for OLOS: 2 5:00 P.M. Masses and either a 7 p.m., 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve; 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Christmas Day. Everyone was in agreement and suggested that the new schedule be communicated well. Dom assured the PPC that the new Christmas schedule will be communicated well through a variety of ways – weekend bulletin, parish letter or postcard, weekly email, social media, etc. 4. Advent Wreath – Mike reminded us that the new Advent Wreath bought for the church last year needs care when putting it together, lighting candles, etc. He said that people need to be instructed/trained.

C3 Update – Group met on October 29, 2014 and discussed Lenten Mission (which will be held on March 23-25, 2015) and a welcome video for parishes. Claire mentioned that the committee has asked John Carchedi of Blessed Sacrament to make a video for OLOS. Ann Marie asked Fr. Chip if he is planning 1 PPC or 3 PPCs (1 for each parish) for the collaborative. Fr. Chip shared that he is leaning towards having 1 PPC. For now, we are to keep meeting as we have been meeting.

Rental Policy – Marty shared that OLOS is reviewing the costs for our rentals so OLOS can afford to pay someone to be on the property during a rental in case something breaks, to answer questions, etc.

Coffee Hour Feedback and Schedule – Fabiola and Mary received positive feedback about the weekly coffee hour. Keep up the great work, Fabiola and Mary!

Faith Formation – Fabiola and Kerry (on behalf of Mary) shared that enrollment for Faith Formation is the same as last year. Fr. Chip reported that he is holding off on hiring a Director of Faith Formation for the collaborative until the Spring. He said that Mary has agreed to increase her hours at OLOS. Thanks, Mary!

Finance Update – Jim Hanlon reported that total FY15 for first quarter OLOS offertory is down 12.7% compared to last year. Jim thinks this is because we had 1 less Sunday this quarter compared to last year. Electronic payments continue to be 34% of monthly income.

Communications Update – Dom announced that each parish has their own website and beginning on November 9/10 there will be one bulletin for the collaborative. Each parish will continue to have their own weekly email. Dom said he is also hoping to establish a Communications Commission for the Collaborative. All communications, Dom shared, is to help our parishioners become better evangelizers. Thanks, Dom!

Feedback on RCAB PPC training – Kate, Ann Marie and John G. reported that they felt the training was for evangelizing individuals rather than for evangelizing parishes. Many of the parish staff members will be attending RCAB trainings on Nov. 18 & 19.