

Our Lady of Sorrows – PPC Minutes

September 7, 2016

Present: Fr. Vinnie, Kate Mason, Teresa Coda, Mike Jaillet, Edward Poole, Mark Dudziak, John Glancy, Claire Ramsbottom, Paddy Favazza, Deacon Frank, Christian Villanueva, Lynn Jacobs
Regrets: Leo Bernotas, Nigel Timothy, Joe Watson, Lucie Graveline, Jim Spoto

New PPC Members

The PPC recognized two new members to the Council: Paddy Favazza and Lucie Graveline. We are still in need of a third new PPC member and Council members were asked to discern who might be good candidates to be approached.

Finance Update

The Parish Financial Council (PFC) had prepared and shared in advance with the PPC their usual thorough financial summary as of June 30, 2016, reflecting fiscal year 2016 results, and a projected fiscal year 2017 budget. Jim Spoto was unable to be with the PPC tonight, but the PPC reviewed the analysis at a high level. FY16 results show income is ahead of budget and costs are below budget. The FY17 budget shows a net loss of \$20K, nearly equaling the parish's net income for fiscal year 2016. The PFC does plan to launch a campaign in 2016/2017 to assist with funding for much needed capital improvement projects. Some of these were discussed: painting the church, repairs to the church parking lot, better lighting to the parking lot, foundational work and the church steps. It was noted that the gutters for the church, Bullock Center, and rectory were recently cleaned. The analysis for installing a remote lock for the church is on the agenda for the Facilities Commission. Mike Jaillet will resend materials regarding wireless and hearing enhancement aids as this is still in demand from parishioners.

Mass at the Lake

Mass is fixed for September 18. Appears everything is all set. Monica O'Brien (Volunteer and Event Coordinator) is emailing for any last needed asks. The Mass will be the actual readings for our Lady of Sorrows' feast day.

New Mass times

The new Mass times on Sunday, starting September 10-11, will be 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Religious education classes will be held in between the latter two Masses. Despite the issuance of the post card to all parishioners and the announcements at Mass and in the bulletin, the PPC was still worried about people missing the change. It was recommended that a sign be put on the door of the church, and, if possible, the church's voice mail lead with the changed Mass times. Has the OLOS website been updated to reflect the new times? Lynn to check. It was shared that the OLOS Mass times and staffing in the *Sharon Advocate* needed to be updated as well.

Update on Staff changes and Replacements:

Monica O'Brien has filled the Volunteer and Event Coordinator role.

1. Open Director of Music

Father noted that the search committee had settled on a candidate, but the individual had rescinded their application at the last minute. The search continues. It was recommended to share the job offering with all the major music schools in the Boston area, as well as Stonehill and B.C. where we have parishioner links. Meanwhile the choir is doing an admiral job filling the gap to ensure there is music at the required Masses.

2. Open Faith Formation position

Rob Rodecker and team are still vetting candidates.

3. Open Maintenance position

Father and Lynn shared that some promising candidates had emerged and interviews were in progress.

Commission Updates:

Christian Service Commission

Kate shared that the team was holding a planning meeting for the upcoming year next Tuesday.

Liturgy Commission

Deacon Frank noted that the Commission had been focused on the upcoming Mass at the Lake, taking a closer look at the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) in regard to subtleties for the celebration of Mass, and he was happy to report that the church had four new RCIA candidates, all of whom were baptized. Deacon Frank would be leading them on their faith journey. As a result of this commitment, Deacon Frank will hand responsibility over to Brant Henderson for the Liturgy Commission. The RCIA candidates will be introduced to the parish at the Rite of Acceptance on Christ the King (the week before the first Sunday of Advent). Commission is also looking at enhanced training for lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Mike Methot and Susan Nardone will coordinate the lector training.

The evening Prayer programs will be held in Advent and Lent. The Council discussed what plans will be put in place for a Lenten Mission and who owns this now? Faith Formation? It was recommended that this be on the radar so that it is addressed.

Youth Commission Christian is the new representative for the PPC. He noted that they were in the process of working to recruit new members. There was an up-coming meeting on September 26 for the Commission.

Collaborative Update

Father shared a copy of an announcement from the Office of Pastoral Planning, issued on September 1 which updated the timetable for the roll-out of the Phase Five collaboratives. It appears the overall Collaborative roll-out was overly aggressive and the list for implementation was being redrawn for over seven more years, with the last collaboratives being implemented in 2023. The list of Phase Five collaboratives is targeted to be released in late October 2016 at the earliest.

Father noted that he was not aware of any plans for OLOS; there was nothing "on the table". The parish could be picked for 2023 or earlier.

PPC Retreat

Father still interested in holding this. Likely on the OLOS campus, sometime in October. He has reached out to Sr. Pat Boyle to see if she could lead us for some part of it.

Town Hall

The Council discussed possible dates. Saturday, November 5 was an option, but it depends on the closure of the new staff searches and the receipt of the list of the Phase five collaboratives as these will be important topics for the Town Hall.

Any Other Business

The Thanksgiving Service this year will be hosted at the Sharon mosque on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 20.

-John Glancy