

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council

December 6, 2017

NOTES

Attending: John Glancy, Fr. Daly, Christian Villanueva (Youth Commission), Claire Ramsbottom, Lucie Graveline, Teresa Coda, Mike Jaillet, Mark Dudziak, Nigel Timothy, Jim Spoto (Parish Finance Council (PFC)), Monica LaFond (Faith Formation Commission), Kate Mason (Christian Services Commission) - notes

OLOS Financial Review 2017; Forecast FY 2018

Jim Spoto, PFC

Jim reviewed the finance report for FY 2017 and introduced the expected budget for FY 2018.

Overall the Finance Council sees the parish improving from a financial standpoint by managing expenses while identifying capital improvement projects - some of which were completed this year such as the painting of the church, parking lot repairs and repairs in the rectory. Fr. Daly noted that not reflected in the financial report were savings made to expense thanks to people who generously donated their labor and materials in completing repairs on the church and in the rectory.

The 2018 budget shows an anticipated loss of \$25K in our first year as a stand-alone collaborative nearly equaling the 2017 net income. The PFC expects recurring income to stay stable with an increase in income to the facilities improvement campaign. The parish is fully staffed but will have saving on health insurance expenses. The Archdiocesan contributions will increase as the Diocese looks to OLOS to pay our share of the central ministry expenses in line with other parishes our size.

The PFC will monitor spending monthly and will make adjustments as needed to protect the generous donations from parishioners.

Jim announced that he has stepped down as the chair of the PFC although he will remain active on the Council. Fr. Daly and he are actively seeking a replacement. Fr. Daly and the PPC thanked him for his dedicated work on behalf of the parish. Many thanks, Jim Spoto!

Grand Annual Kickoff

Fr. Daly

Fr. Daly announced at Masses over the past weekend that the launch of the Grand Annual Campaign is imminent. Letters will be sent out within the next week.

Disciples in Mission Training

John, Claire, Teresa

Five OLOS parishioners (that includes three staff) attended a two-evening training at St. Timothy's Church in Norwood focused on foundational elements of Disciples in Mission. This training was part 1 of a 3-part training plan to prepare people to write their Pastoral Plans. There were 50 people from many parishes across the Diocese participating. The next two sessions are planned for early 2018.

Claire Ramsbottom will lead a writing team to develop the Pastoral Plan for OLOS. It is not too late to volunteer to help. Writing is expected to start in March 2018 and be completed with a 6-month period. Watch the bulletin and email newsletters or contact Claire directly for more information.

There are approved Pastoral Plans for other parishes posted on the Disciples in Mission website. Claire encouraged PPC members to take a look at those to get a sense of what is expected: <https://disciplesinmission.com/localpastoralplans>

OLOS Commissions -

All

Faith Formation Commission

Teresa Coda

- The CRS Ethical Trade Fair went very well. Plans are to start earlier next year.
- The January 21, 2018 Adult Faith Formation coffee hour will be a panel on the Substance Abuse Crisis.
- Monica LaFond is starting a Social Justice Book Club.

Liturgy Commission

- John Glancy said that a Lector mentoring program has started where one seasoned lector will work with and coach a youth/new lector at various Masses.
- Advent Evening Prayer is scheduled for three consecutive Thursdays: December 7, 14, 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church

Christian Services Commission

Kate Mason

- The Evelyn House Party is Friday December 15 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. We have 5 volunteers participating! Parishioners have been very generous to provide gifts and goodies for the party.
- 16 Plants were collected for parishioners who are homebound, recuperating or not as active as in the past. Kate is in process of lining up volunteers to deliver them and working with Joan Spano on the parishioners she visits regularly.

All other business or issues

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Creating a History of OLOS Parish

Claire re-surfaced the idea of creating an overview of the History of OLOS Parish. Marie Martin had suggested this last meeting. Her husband, Richard Martin, had published quarterly newsletters for the parish for almost 20 years and has lots of information to consolidate. Claire asked everyone to think of anyone they know who could pull something together - perhaps a PR person?

Volunteer Appreciation Evening is planned for Saturday, February 10, 2018 and will be a Mardi Gras theme

Teresa asked for prayers for all those being impacted by the **California wildfires** including her Mom and Grandmother.

Fr. Daly will be away briefly to visit his son and family in Hawaii. He leaves on Saturday Dec 9 and returns on Friday afternoon Dec 15.

NEXT MEETING - January 3, 2018