

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council

February 28, 2018

Meeting Summary

Attending: John Glancy, Fr. Daly, Claire Ramsbottom, Mike Jaillet, Mark Dudziak, Nigel Timothy, Monica LaFond (Faith Formation Commission), Kate Mason (Christian Services Commission) – Marie and Richard Martin

Check In

Opening Prayer

Kate

Grand Annual Report –

Fr. Daly

Donations are trickling in as we approach today, the last day. About 150 donors donated about \$75,000 (one donor gave \$15,000). Many asked what is expected from a donation, so a suggestion was made to offer a scale beginning at \$40.00 up to some higher amount, which should get the average up above \$50.00.

Lenten Preparations

All

The Council discussed the continuing need for strong socialization of ideas from the various Commissions to the Council before implementation so that they can be understood and assessed for the impact to the parish. A recommendation was made that if we are going to have Latin (or Greek) responses and/or songs in the Mass, an explanation should be given as to why, the meaning, and why at certain times of the liturgical year. Fr. Daly thought this is a good point.

Disciples in Mission Training/Pastoral Plan

Claire

Claire, who will lead a writing team to develop the Pastoral Plan for OLOS, reported that people have been invited and agreed to be on the writing team, but she is still looking for someone from the Financial Council. Writing is expected to start in @March 2018 and be completed with a 6-month period.

Claire believes that OLOS will write a great plan. It will begin with everyone, including the PPC, reading a book to be purchased by the parish – Everyone Leads – How to Revitalize the Catholic Church by Chris Lowney. The team will look at examples from other pastoral plans (<https://disciplesinmission.com/localpastoralplans>) and surveys administered and the last 2010 Plan prepared by OLOS.

Volunteer and Event Coordinator

Fr. Daly

The Council discussed the need to hire a new Volunteer and Event Coordinator. The general agreement is that the person in the role needs to be a coordinator rather than the doer. The Volunteer Coordinator job description and a deeper review will be put on the agenda for the next PPC meeting.

OLOS Commissions -

All

Faith Formation Commission

Monica

Monica reviewed the upcoming parish events.

- Bagged Lunches Brigade on Sunday, March 4 at 12:00 pm in the Bullock Center
- Ethical Trade Fair, Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser, Sunday March 4 from 9:45 to 11:00 am in O'Connell Hall
- Youth Led Lenten Evening Thursday, March 8 beginning with a Simple Supper in O'Connell Hall at 6:30 to 7:30 pm and Stations of the Cross in Church from 7:30 to 8:15 pm.
- Adult Faith Formation Lenten Program, MaryAnne Cappelleri speaker, "Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening: Answering the Call to Prophecy", Sunday, March 18 9:45 am in O'Connell Hall
- Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully Lunch on April 25 and geared for seniors. Looking for volunteers.

Christian Services Commission

Kate

- Giving Tree for Easter will be displayed in church this Sunday.
- Looking for a place to bring household goods and clothes as an additional stream of outreach.

Sharon Interfaith Action

Claire

Trying to work with people in Brockton and select a social justice project, like immigration, to advocate for. So far there are four OLOS individuals involved: Claire, Jane, JoAnne and Sarah. Anyone interested in social justice can get involved at any level they feel comfortable with.

Other Business or Issues

All

The green pew cards successfully elicited interest from parishioners. Two individuals expressed interest in the PPC and will be invited to attend the next meeting. Also identified possible choir members and altar servers.

A parishioner suggested a community event idea to perhaps be held in O'Connell Hall where novice parishioners could be taught sewing, crochet, or some other skill by other parish mentors who are experts.

Closing Prayer

Nigel

Creating a History of OLOS Parish Part II

Richard

Richard Martin presented the second session of a fascinating and in-depth slide show of the OLOS Parish history that he has compiled.

Next Meeting – April 4, 2018