

Our Lady of Sorrows -- PPC Minutes

May 7, 2014

Present: Fr. Scott, Fr. Chip, John Glancy, Nigel Timothy, Jim Spoto, Jim Hanlon, Kate Mason, Deacon Mike, Carol Roberto, Fabiola Aguilera, Jackie Baldino, Kerry Payson, Claire Ramsbottom, Ann Marie Rosa

Fr. Chip

After everyone checked in and introduced themselves, Fr. Chip offered a deeper introduction on himself. This collaborative is his fourth assignment. He was ordained 10 years ago.

Fr. Chip shared some insights on where his thinking is going for our collaborative. He wants to work with all the parishes to come up with a shared vision and identity. He wants to start the summer Mass schedule earlier and work his way into the bigger challenge of a full schedule. He is bringing in an Executive Assistant to help with his schedule and a Director of Communications as well. A third role, focused on Operations / Finance will also be added. Fr. Chip will likely continue the three separate PPCs for a while. Gradually transition into one. He wants to come up with name for our collaborative. Something that binds us – like the collaborative in Whitman/Lakeville calls itself the ‘Cranberry Collaborative’.

Collaborative update

John, Claire, Carol and Kate attended the C3 meeting on May 5.

- They are planning for the June 14 retreat from noon to 3. Location TBD. All three parishes will participate. Includes both PPC and PFC.
- They are discussing the Lenten mission for 2015. Theme focused on fellow ship. Agenda will cover both spiritual and business (PPC transitions)
- They are exploring filming the grounds of the three parishes as a way to help parishioners learn the buildings of all the parishes.

Easter feedback

The Easter OLOS experience was excellent. Everything went well, especially the Easter Vigil. There was discussion having Nick write a testimonial/reflection and Dominic write about being a sponsor for the website. Probably didn't need the second 11:30am Mass. We need to take more pictures of special events to publicise. Important for social media. It promotes our community and evangelizes. The banner on the altar was beautiful.

Faith Formation proposal

Jackie and the Faith Formation Commission are proposing a new approach to Religious Ed that will be more comprehensive and engage more parishioners across all generations. It will be like having a parish assembly every month. Like Faith Festivals with a theme. Start with meal, opening discussion and then age breakouts. Both staff and parishioners need to buy-in. Long term planning is needed. Space and funding need to be

addressed. Next year, the two assemblies (Advent and Lent) must be excellent to launch the model for the following year.

Finance update

Jim Spoto rolling off as PFC chair. Jim Hanlon coming on. FY14 results through March are in line with budget overall. Monthly average collections up 7%. Electronic payments have stabilized giving and represent 34% of monthly giving. Annual collection is expected to be \$3k short of budget. Total cash balance is strong and increased \$41k over last year. The PFC is starting on next year's budget.

All other business

- Summer cookout July 12, rain date July 13
- Strong confirmation group this year, benefits spill into next year
- As outgoing PPC co-chair, Ann Marie encouraged all PPC members to act as on-going stewards of the OLOS community. Help the collaborative succeed. Help parishioners transition. Support the staff.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Marie Rosa