

PPC  
November 6, 2013, 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
Minutes

**Attending:** Fr. Scott Euvrard, Ann Marie Rosa, Carol Roberto, Jackie Baldino, Deacon Mike Iwanowicz, Fabiola Aguilera, Susanne Osberg, Nigel Timothy, Mike Jaillet, Kerry Payson, Jim Spoto and Kate Mason (submitted minutes)

**Collaborative Meeting on Sunday Evening, November 3:** *On Sunday evening, November 3, approximately 65 lay leaders from the three parishes in our collaborative met with representatives of the Archdiocese of Boston including Father Paul Soper, Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning, Sister Pat Boyle, Associate Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning, Sean Hickey, Assistant Director of the Clergy Personnel Office, and Father Bill Lohan, Parochial Vicar at Saint Mary Parish in Wrentham and Saint Martha Parish in Plainville and Clergy Personnel Board representative. Parish participants included members of the three parishes' Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, and Staffs.*

Ann Marie Rosa led a discussion on the experiences of the Sunday meeting. PPC Members shared their perspectives, ideas and concerns with the process. Ann Marie has taken the initiative to offer some recommendations to the Archdiocese on ways to streamline the process and engage parishioners more robustly. The response from the Archdiocese was very positive.

**Collaborative C3 meetings** (Claire Ramsbotttom, John Glancy and Carol Roberto are the OLOS representatives) Fr. Scott and Carol Roberto updated the PPC that Claire has invited Fr. Paul Soper to come to a C3 Council meeting after Thanksgiving to continue to momentum on the discussion of the formation of the collaborative.

**FY Financial Results and Annual Giving Campaign:** Jim Spoto, Chair of the Parish Finance Council, provided a summary of the financial results for FY 14 to date (July 2013 – September 2013):

- An overall increase of 13% in offertory with a slight decline in September 2013
- Invoices for religious education fees have been sent to relevant parishioners
- Jim is exploring a reimbursement for small business health insurance for our parish (could be \$4K)
- the Annual Collection Campaign will begin in mid-November; Fr. Scott will announcement at Masses

**Update on House Parties** –At the September PPC meeting, there was an agreement to continue the initiative started by the Faith Formation Commission in 2013 to bring parishioners together socially to strengthen the faith community. . Fabiola Aguilera said that a total of five house parties are planned this Fall, organized by regions within Sharon. Two house parties had been held to date with three more planned on consecutive weekends starting November 9<sup>th</sup>. So far the turnout has been relatively small. The invitations have been through evite and emails. The PPC discussed using more “high touch” personalized invitation approaches, e.g., a face-to-face invitation. Fabiola will update the PPC at the next meeting on the results of the remaining three house parties.

**Update on Parish Picture Directory** –Fabiola updated the PPC that few families have signed up for the picture in November and asked everyone to encourage people to sign up.

**Proposal from Music Ministry:** Susanne Osberg led a group of cantors from OLOS Parish in exploring how to enhance the music ministry at OLOS. Together the group read, discussed and reflected on the guide called *Sing to the Lord*, a best practice guide to Pastoral Music Ministry. From this, the group took two actions: the cantor now takes communion at the end of Mass and the refrain for the responsorial song is in the bulletin. The group also explored options for the Ritual Song hymnal (published in 1995). They researched missalettes and major hymnal publishers with a set of criteria, narrowing the search to three hymnals. They looked at each hymnal with list the tops hymns (approximately 60) that were “must haves”. As a result, Susanne and her team is proposing purchasing 200 GIA Hymnals; 25 choir materials and the music ministers accompaniments to be funded by inviting parishioners to make a donation to dedicate each hymnal in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The PPC accepted this proposal. Susanne and her group will begin the process of inviting donations in January 2014.

**Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.**