

PPC
September 11, 2013, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Fr. Scott Euvrard, Ann Marie Rosa, John Glancy, Carol Roberto, Jackie Baldino, Carol D'Souza, Deacon Mike Iwanowicz, Fabiola Aguilera, Kate Mason, Kathleen Crawford, Jeff Bloechl, Susanne Osberg, Nigel Timothy, Claire Ramsbotton, Miguel Cura, and Kerry Payson (prepared minutes)

PPC in 2013/2014 – Fr. Scott reviewed the Arch. of Boston objectives of the PPC. He also shared the characteristics of the PPC which include: to be prayerful, to be pastoral, to be representative (of all in the parish), to be discerning, to be responsive (to justice and peace issues), and to be enabling (to be a supportive group). Ann Marie also added that we are to be a consultative group for the pastor, staff and commissions and we are to generate ideas and provide feedback.

House Parties – The Faith Formation Commission hosted the first house party last year to help identify the needs of the parish. The PPC agreed to host five house parties in each of the five regions of Sharon to bring parishioners together socially. What information do we want to gather from our parishioners at these parties? Some thought we just need to build smaller communities within our larger community, “Come and meet your neighbors who are also parishioners of OLOS”. Others thought we may want to ask people in a non-threatening/informal way how the parish can improve and be a more welcoming and vibrant spiritual community. We all agreed that nothing “formal” will be shared or asked at each of the parties and that PPC members and other parish leaders need to be present to meet people and to “hear” what people share.

Collaborative - Claire Ramsbottom, John Glancy and Carol Roberto will be the OLOS representatives this year. They shared that the Habitat for Humanity adult service activity between OLOS and BS was a success. The Vacation Bible School for our younger parishioners at St. Mary's was also a success with parishioners from OLOS, BS and St. Mary's participating. A future possible event (in late Fall) is to have someone from the Disciples in Mission Office come and share with our parish staff, PPC and PFC members how the parish collaboratives in Phase 1 of Disciples in Mission have been working so far. We will know by Sept. 28th if our collaborative (OLOS, BS and St. Mary's) will be part of Phase 2 of Disciples in Mission.

Ministry Renewal Day at Boston College, November 8th, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., “Leadership In A Multi-Parish Setting”- BS and OLOS staff members are attending this session and invited PPC members to join them. The event is free and individuals can register at <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/stm/edevnts/events/2013/11-08-2013.html>.

Annual Commitment Renewal Campaign – This is the 2nd year our parish will ask our parishioners to review what they contribute to the weekly offertory and to consider making an increase. Last year our overall weekly offertory increased by 22% as a result of the Annual Commitment Campaign. Some suggested we may want to administer this campaign in the Spring since it is so close to the Annual Collection campaign which happens in late October/early November.

Mass at Lake Massapoag, Sept. 15th at 10:30 a.m. – Keep praying for no rain!

Status of Parish Picture Directory – 101 families have had their pictures taken so far for the directory. Our goal is to have close to 300 families participate in the parish directory. We chose the week of Nov. 19th as our next session for families to schedule photography appointments.

Cookout for Spanish speaking families on Sept. 7th – Fabiola reported that the cookout was a great success, a wonderful community event.

Thank you, Fabiola, for all the wonderful work you have been doing for the parish!

Wonderful comments were also shared about our new parish bulletin. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.