

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting: Monday, October 22, 2018

8:00 – 9:15 p.m.

OLS Family Center

Fr. Mark	*	Terry Hirsch	*	Jill Morketter	*		
Fr. Paul	*	Debbie Milton	*	Karl Seilo	*		
				Joe Sparks	*	Ann Whitfield	*

* Attendee / # Absent

Welcome

Prayer & Reflection – Fr. Mark

Approval September 24th Minutes – Debbie Milton/Jill Morketter

Committee & Commission Reports

- Finance Council – Ray Maffezoli
 - Down to 5 members; Fr. Mark will be seeking new members to bring up to closer to 8
 - Few responses/comments received from offertory drive
 - Need to educate parishioners on the rules surrounding the endowment fund published in the bulletin – it's not a savings account, only a maximum of 5% can be withdrawn each year
 - Week 3 – too soon to draw conclusions on the responses
 - Last 2 weekends the offertory collections have been up year-over-year
 - Capital improvements
 - Over \$1 million expected over the next 5 year
 - \$625k is HVAC-related – looking at bids, expecting \$300k over the next 2 years and then remaining over the following 3 years
 - Examining major contracts to see if there are any efficiencies that could be found
 - Tuition rates were briefly touched on, will be larger focus at next meeting
 - CSA results were positive, giving/person was up this year and funds were received sooner
- Evangelization – Carmen Maffezoli
 - Had Farmer's Market Day – collaborative effort from St. Gerald, St. Fabian & OLS
 - Included pet blessing outside the pet store, procession with St. Francis banner & Knights of Columbus
 - Smaller venue than Founder's Fest seemed to make it easier to draw people in
 - Lots of religious items, bulletins and flyers about upcoming events available for people to take
 - Felt it was one of the best events we've had out in the community
 - Emmaus Small Groups
 - 13 groups & 112 participants, had leader & assistant leader training

- Meet & Greet with about 62 people attending
 - Groups are starting to meet
 - 2nd session is supposed to start around Lent
- Planning Operation Olive Branch to reach out to inactive parishioners
 - Subcommittee met to review program materials and evaluate what might be needed to kick it off (feel there may be a need for evangelization and/or prayer ministry training)
 - Listen – Pray – Invite is the approach
 - Looking at starting maybe once a month next summer
- Worship – Fr. Paul
 - Have 2 new members who have replaced 2 who had to leave
 - Talked about lack of liturgical ministers at 5:30 Mass
 - Discussed AOD Worship Commission operating procedures
 - Going to each review a section and identify best fits for OLS at this particular time
- Stewardship – Ian
 - Financial Peace University being offered again – 12 couples attending
 - Teen Financial Peace University course has been developed – may look at offering that over the summer months
 - Charisms workshop scheduled for October 6th was cancelled, looking for new date/time to host
 - International Catholic Stewardship Conference in Nashville at the end of the month – Sharon will be attending
- Christian Service – Amanda Cavanaugh
 - Mercy in Action was attended by approximately 80 people
 - Put together Mitten Drive flyers & prayer cards for distribution at school
 - Getting ready for Giving Tree activities – tag writing on Nov 12th
- School – Ann Whitfield
 - Finished IOWA testing & AOD religious testing last week
 - Teachers attended conference in Grand Rapids for Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools
 - Scholastic Olympics this Wednesday – 8th graders competing at Brother Rice & Marian High Schools
 - AOD updated the Religious Standards test, was taken online by all of our 1st-8th graders
 - Virtues program started this year (through Nashville Dominicans) where each month focuses on a different virtue – September was Faith, October is Reverence, etc. – and teacher picks one student from each class who has gone above and beyond displaying it

New Business

- Terry received email from Sharon Williams & Elaine Robeck regarding starting a home school group to help connect those families to the parish
 - Suggestion is to have them make a brief presentation of what they are thinking
- Education Commission to be formed
 - Ann Whitfield & Greg Crachiolo will be staff contacts, need to identify chairperson
 - Would include activities such as bible study, Emmaus small groups, RCIA, marriage, adult faith formation opportunities

Review of Commission 2018-2019 Plans

- Begin Review of Received Plans and Discussion
 - Start monitoring progress of goals provided by each working commission
 - Evangelization Commission
 - Stewardship Commission

- Worship Commission
- Christian Service Commission

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Mark

- Next meeting talk about how we are meeting our goals and if we are seeing differences as a result of the focus on them

Closing Prayer – Fr. Paul

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: November 26, 2018