

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 1, 2023

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Council Meeting Room in the lower level of the Parish Worship Site on 106th Street on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Devan Gracyalny, Gary Jensen, Jon Leonardelli, Dave Shook, John Weber, and John Czepulis, who acted as Recording Secretary. Also in attendance were Grace Elliott and John Gomez, Trustees.

Excused were Karen Brah and Susan Scharmach.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:30 PM.
2. Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with reflection on the 23rd Psalm
3. Eucharistic Revival
 - MPH Planning
 - Corpus Christi Sunday
 - Benediction including an explanation to the parish on the background and importance of the celebration
 - Details to be discussed at June meeting
 - Exposure to the Eucharistic Revival includes access to Archdiocese resources which are available for parish use
 - Enhanced use of bulletin announcements, digital sign, and TV access at both sites
 - Increased emphasis on expanding the roles of Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes at worship locations
 - Eucharistic Revival Committee meets monthly to develop future plans
 - Archdiocese Congress – June 10
 - Information available on Archdiocese website (archmil.org)
 - Attendance by Council Members and Parishioners will be encouraged
4. Council Elections Update – Gary Jensen
 - Parish response was encouraging
 - 25 nominations
 - 6 nominees attended orientation
 - 4 candidates accepted and will be on the Ballot, namely, Sharon Anderer, Debbie Morgan, Don Pederson, and Carol Schroeder
 - Election weekend May 20-21
 - Council Members providing instructions and direction at each Mass as follows:

4:00 PM	John Czepulis
8:30 AM	Grace Elliott
10:30 AM	Dave Shook
7:00 PM	John Gomez
 - Absentee Ballots will be available at the Parish Office from May 15-19
5. Liaison Reports/Updates
 - Pastor's Report
 - Fr. Matthew is very encouraged by the Parish response to all the Lenten/Easter activities. Among them include:

- Participation in the Parish Mission presented by Fr. Tim Kitzke, who also acknowledged an energy by those in attendance
- Fr. Matthew is also encouraged by the many that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, took part in the Vespers, and participated in the Easter Triduum events and Masses
- Easter Sunday included the celebration of 5 Baptisms, 3 of which were above the age of 8 years
- Fr. Matthew is also excited to report an increase in the number of families that are joining the Parish – 9 families have joined in the past 2 months
- Large group of Latinos embracing the English Masses while maintaining their culture and tradition; some of which attend Mary Queen of Saints School (MQS)
- Financial planning is taking place to determine our Parish needs and the allocation of available resources
- Each department is being considered, with priorities of how our resources will be allocated in the future.
- Love One Another Campaign
 - To date, \$772,455 has been pledged which is 64% of our goal. There is a 31% participation rate of our Parishioners, one of the highest rates of the Archdiocese.
- Fr. Matthew is very happy that we continue careful management of our cash flow and still maintain the necessary repairs to our Parish environment
- The school financial support continues to be discussed with the other parishes involved (St. Augustine, St. Florian's, St. Rita's, and Holy Assumption), with Seton Schools also re-evaluating their business plans
- MQS currently has 142 students enrolled, more of which are tuition students than Choice students which is problematic when discussing finances
- Finance – Gary Jensen
 - Bernie Hintzke's financial expertise and dedication to MPH has been instrumental in development of revenue and cost controls
 - Choice enrollment is an ongoing issue
 - Budget process is about to commence
 - Part-time Payroll/Finance Assistant has been hired – Nicole Herthe
- Buildings and Grounds – John Gomez
 - Installation of new outside doors at all 3 entrances at Worship Site have been completed, with timed entry and keypad access
 - Work on third section of copula windows and outside storm window work has commenced
 - A lift has been purchased to assist in maintenance at the Worship and Auxiliary sites
- Liturgy – John Czepulis
 - Liturgical Commission, headed by Joseph Wittmann, has done analysis of Advent and Lenten seasons with positive feedback
 - Focus now is planning for Corpus Christi Sunday, including the distribution of the Precious Blood at Communion, and the development of Acolytes; all go hand-in-hand with the Eucharistic Revival movement
 - Training for Eucharistic Ministers is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, and Saturday, May 13
- Evangelization/Formation – Jon Leonardelli & Devan Gracyalny
 - Youth Formation for 2022-23 is complete
 - Family Day activities were well received as well as being well attended
 - Need for Director of Faith Formation is essential as well as more teachers for expansion of the program and scheduling flexibility
- Human Concerns (no update)

- Social Committee – John Gomez/Grace Elliott
 - Parish Picnic to be held Sunday, June 25, after the 10:30 AM Mass at the Worship site
 - Family event providing games and activities for all ages
 - Included will be a ProLife Fair on the premises
 - Family Fun Day to be held on Sunday, September 16, at the Auxiliary site – details to follow
- 6. Open Discussion
 - Need to enhance Parish Ministries and Events
 - Expand utilization of Facebook and other social media outlets
 - Pursuit of events focusing on special groups (i.e., special needs picnic, family-oriented activities)
 - Men of Christ was appreciated and well received; increasing attendance is goal for next year
 - Bereavement Group started in full force on April 11
 - Goal to maintain communication
 - Cards sent after funeral
 - Family follow-up: 6-month, 1-year
- 7. Meeting closed with an Our Father

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM with location to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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John Czepulis, Acting Recording Secretary