

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 11, 2023

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room of the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, September 11, 2023.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Gary Jensen, Council Chairperson, Don Pederson, Vice Chairperson, Sharon Anderer, Karen Brah, Devan Gracyalny, Deb Morgan, Dave Shook, John Weber, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were John Gomez and Debbie Peterson, Trustees.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Jensen at 6:35 PM
  2. Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with reflection on 9/11 – Patriots Day, including his personal experience that day, and finished by reading *A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11*
  3. Council Initiative – Gary Jensen
    - Review of Council Goals and Connecting with Parishioners
      - Parish Council Orientation and Review held on August 8th at St. Mary's-Hales Corners was attended by Gary Jensen, Susan Scharmach, Sharon Anderer, Deb Morgan and Don Pederson
      - MPH School Liaison Appointment – Gary Jensen
      - Smart Goals – Dynamic MPH
        - Redefine MPH Identity
        - Address Parishioner Needs
        - Attract New Members
        - Bridging Parishioner Divide
      - Council is key to leading by example
      - Explore possibility of hiring a Communication Director – Gary Jensen to investigate
      - Visibility via marketing tools, i.e., t-shirts with logo, bumper stickers with website, better utilization of the Marquis – Sharon Anderer
      - Pamphlet for new Mass attendees – Susan Scharmach to check with Kathy Smith; Don Pederson to investigate
      - Scheduling an End-of-Life event presentation by Bevsek-Verbick
    - Encouraged Council attendance at “My Parish Matters” event to be held on November 4, 2023 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist with choice of two impact sessions
    - Parishioner Comments from Directory Outreach – Review by Gary Jensen
  4. Eucharistic Revival – Mary Maberry joined the meeting to provide an update
    - Mary shared her passion for this initiative to unify parish growth and reviewed the four pillars
      - Reinvigorating Devotion
      - Personal Encounter with Jesus
      - Robust Faith Formation
      - Missionary Sending
- Invited Council to share any Eucharistic sayings for use by the committee

5. Liaison Reports/Updates

- Liturgy – Karen Brah
  - Liturgy commission meeting scheduled for October 11th
  - New software is being used by Sacristans
- Social Committee – Sharon Anderer
  - Everything is set for the Family Fun Fest this Saturday, September 16th
- Formation – Devan Gracalny
  - First meeting was held on September 10th

6. Pastor's Update – Fr. Matthew

- Saturday, September 16th at the 4:00 PM Mass
  - Welcome to new Parishioners; 19 Baptisms in 2022
  - Introduction of Pastoral Council
- Faith Formation – 120 families; how do we engage the children who do not participate

Meeting closed with a Hail Mary and Glory Be

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM, in the Notre Dame Room – Parish Center

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M Scharmach*

Susan M. Scharmach, Secretary