

Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Formerly known as:
Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)
Mary Queen of Heaven (MQH)
St. Aloysius (St. Al's)

Monday, August 6th 2018 @ 7pm 116th street site

Attendees: Mary Lou Hopkins, John Czepulis, Grace Elliott, Susan Scharmach, John Gomez, David Reiner, Tom Healy, Ken Brath, Gil VanBlaricom, Gary Jensen, Kathy Marx, Anna Ferrise, John Leonardelli, Nancy Wilde, Mary Maberry, Colleen Pluskota, Fr. Jeff Prasser, Fr. Thomas Vathapellil

Excused/Absent: Darryl Draeger, Sue Harrits, Ted Sterneman, Doug Barnes, Dan LaFond, Kass Lampone

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mary Maberry.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Grace Elliott, second by John Gomez. The minutes of last council meeting were previously approved on-line by email from majority of the members of the council.

Updating regarding MPH: (Fr. Jeff)

- Fr. Jeff updated us on all that has happened since we last met. As of July 1st the Archbishop gave us a new name Mother of Perpetual Help and we have opened as a new corporation. The former St. Al's, IHM, and MQH parishes and corporations no longer exist.
- Bank accounts are still active for all three parishes. We are 98% finished transferring all monies to MPH. We are waiting on the bank to complete the process.
- Seaton Schools will pay for the maintenance of the school this year.
- We signed a contract with Colliers as our real estate broker
- We have had people interested in all three properties: We are unable to move forward marketing or looking into any potential offers without permission from the Archbishop.
- 932 units are registered for Mother of Perpetual Help
- 80 registrations are new to the parish
- To date the office is 35% finished inputting data.
- Prayer committee is working on histories for all three parishes. If you have any pictures or other memorabilia please pass them along to the committee.
- Doug Barnes is no longer on the council but will serve as an advisor. He is a non-voting member on the council.

Finance: (Gary)

- Gary provided an overview regarding Colliers. Should we get an offer on one or more the buildings, we would counter.
- We need to look at each site to determine what is best for us and begin to plan ways handle the emotions of our parishioners should a property be sold.

Next Steps: (Fr. Jeff)

- We are working on signage for all three parish sites.
- We want to create a positive ,welcoming atmosphere at MPH
- We will celebrate farewells for the three parishes.
- All current liturgical events in each of our parishes will continue as a part of MPH.
- Parish meetings will be held to view architectural drawing for each church building and cost estimates to remodel. Everyone invited to attend.

1st meeting will be Thursday, September 6th @ 6:30pm in the parish center at 106th street

2nd meeting will be Saturday, September 8th @ 10am in Gonzaga Hall 92nd street

Pastoral Council (Mary)

- We currently have five members from each parish on pastoral council and would like to downsize to three members from each former parish for the first year as Mother of Perpetual Help.
- We will then have 9 members at large plus 2 priests, 2 trustees, 1 advisor, and a recording secretary
- Motion to approve moving from five members to three members by September 1 as Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was made by Ken Brath, second by Susan Scharmach. Open discussion provided no dissenting remarks – motion carried
- We will hold council elections next year, returning to the rotation process used in past years.
- Mary explained that we need good leadership to help MPH move forward. Pastoral Council members are expected to be actively involved, accountable for meetings, willing to speak up when necessary, use discretion, and be visible within the Parish.
- Tom Healy and Kass Lampone resign as council representatives from St. Al's, leaving 3 representatives from the former St. Al's as MPH council members. Ken Brath resigns as Trustee from the former St. Al's parish.
- Kathy Marx resigns as Trustee from the former IHM parish. Ted Sterneman resigns as council member from IHM, leaving 4 current council members as representatives of the former IHM parish..
- The former MQH parish is currently represented by 5 council members.
- Fr. Jeff, Fr. Thomas, and Mary thanked everyone for giving of their time and talents, to help move the merger process forward over the past several years. Special thanks to Kathy Marx, Dan LaFond, Sue Harritts, Ken Barth, Doug Barnes, Darryl Draeger, and Gary Jensen for their years of service as Trustees for our former parishes.

New Business: None

Closing Prayer –Our Parish-Our Pledge

The Pastoral Councils from the former parishes of IHM and MQH move to executive session to determine the 3 council representatives for MPH beginning Sept. 1, 2018.

Council members for the first year or MPH will be:

- Colleen Pluskota
- Anna Ferrise

- Gilbert Van Blaricom
- Grace Elliott
- Mary Maberry
- John Czepulis
- Mary Lou Hopkins
- Nancy Wilde
- Jon Leonardelli

Next Meeting Monday, September 10th 2018, 7pm Notre Dame Room 106th street site

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Pluskota, Secretary