

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 10, 2018

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room at the 106th Street Site on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Council members in attendance were: Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Fr. Jeff Prasser, Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, Anna Ferrise, Colleen Pluskota, Gil Van Blaricom, Grace Elliott, John Czepulis, Jon Leonardelli, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Nancy Wilde; also in attendance were Gary Jensen, Trustee, Doug Barnes, Advisor, and Susan Scharmach, Recording Secretary.

Absent was Darryl Draeger, Trustee.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 7:00 PM.
2. Opening Prayer: Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer.
3. Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was made by Mary Lou Hopkins, seconded by Nancy Wilde and unanimously approved.
4. Election of Officers: The following individuals were elected officers to serve for the 2018-19 term:

Chairperson	Mary Maberry
Vice-Chairperson	Grace Elliott
Secretary	Colleen Pluskota

Also appointed to serve were the following ad hoc members:

Doug Barnes	Council Advisor
Susan Scharmach	Recording Secretary

5. Housekeeping Items:
 - Handout of Pastoral Council Manual
 - Parish Mission Statement to be completed by November
 - Appendices to be completed by January
 - Going forward
 - Meeting Minutes approval will be made by email reply to all
 - Staff Minutes will be provided to Council
6. Parish Meetings – Council questions & comments, parishioner feedback, next steps
 - Council all agreed presentation was excellent
 - Finance will need to review all numbers for Phase I buildout, and will approve any offer before sending to the Archdiocese for approval
 - Decision on how to read documents to members
 - Deliver timeframe to members, but no deadline
 - Decisions on what is important, i.e., children area, warming kitchen, full service kitchen
 - Third Meeting – Tuesday, September 25th, at 6:30 PM in 116th Street Site Parish Hall

- Proxy should be received by Archdiocese within week
- Archdiocese is de facto Chair of Parish with Pastor being Vice President

7. Pastoral Planning – First Year

- Planning Team – Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas
- Ministry Plan for all Ministries
- Renewal Meetings – How and Why
 - Volunteers for Pastoral Planning Team – Colleen Plusokota, John Czepulis, Mary Lou Hopkins, Susan Scharmach
- Fiscal Finances – remain the same
- Overview of Amazing Parish Conference – Participation by all Archdiocese parishes – October 17-19
 - MPH representatives: Fr. Jeff, Fr. Thomas, Doug Barnes, Mary Maberry, Kathy Smith (possibly Mary Wenger)

8. New Business:

- Seton
 - To assume maintenance which is separate from rent
 - Communication is poor and an issue
 - Finance office slow (accounts payable)
- History Committee
 - Staff putting together information and photos
 - Will make request to members for photos or memorabilia
- Prayer & Worship
 - Will commence worship date when received from Archdiocese
 - St. Al's will be 99 years old on November 20th
- Archdiocese will celebrate 175 years commencing November 25, 2018 for a year-long celebration ending November 24, 2019

9. Closing Prayer – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM with Our Parish+Our Pledge

Next Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2018, 7:00 PM in the 116th Street Site Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Scharmach,
Recording Secretary