

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 5, 2018

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Parish Hall at the 116th Street Site on Monday, November 5, 2018.

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

Absent were Colleen Pluskota and Nancy Wilde.

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 Darryl Draeger, seconded by Grace Elliott and unanimously approved.
4. Housekeeping Items:
 - Pastoral Council Manual Norms distributed; Appendices to be completed by January
 - Archdiocese 175 year anniversary events
 - Going forward
 - Robert's Ground Rules for Operating
 - Change #3 from "Silence means you consent" to "Silence is dissent, not consent"
 - Ground rules to be included in all committee meeting agendas
5. Amazing Parish Conference Review
 - Mary lead overview of the conference
 - Fr. Jeff discussed the model demonstrated at the conference for conducting meetings
6. Update on Properties, Finance, etc. – Doug provided update on the offer which is currently on the desk of the Archdiocese Finance Committee; pending their approval, it will go to Archbishop ListECKI for his final decision.
7. Pastoral Planning – Fr. Jeff – On hold until further review
8. Southwest Deanery Meeting Report – Grace and Mary Lou
 - Attendees were Mary Maberry, Grace Elliott and Mary Lou Hopkins
 - Agreed that Mary gave an excellent presentation
 - MPH received kudos from attendees on handling of merger
 - Evangelization form to be completed re: consultation norms

- Proposed practices for new Council members
 - Training and certification of attendance
 - Video session
 - Retreat practices
 - In-person at Archdiocese with other parishes – Darryl added this would provide exposure and interaction with other Pastoral Council members

9. Discussion of responses to the question sent via email and requesting responses prior to meeting:

In terms of our Mission, what do you think our top priority should be as a pastoral council to begin to move MPH Parish forward toward a goal of becoming one vibrant and faith-filled community?

10. New Business:

- Greeters at all Masses for Christmas with signup schedule to be emailed
- Amp up communication – announcements need to be consistent among the three sites

11. Closing Prayer – Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM with Our Parish+Our Pledge

Next Meeting – Monday, January 7, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Notre Dame Room, 106th Street Site

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Scharmach,
Recording Secretary