

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 8, 2022

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, August 8, 2022.

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

Also in attendance was Laura Engel, Associate Director from the Archdiocesan Missionary Planning and Leadership Department.

Excused was Susan Scharmach.

1. At 5:45 PM, a social was held and light food was served.
2. The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM at which time Mary Maberry introduced Laura Engel who provided handouts which included the evening's agenda and the opening prayer, "Servant Leadership Prayer", which was read by all.

Members shared individual reflections about a sentence, phrase or word that gave them personal meaning.

3. Members were asked to offer their dreams and visions for Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, which would include creation of a vibrant, unified parish by better outreach to youth, increasing spirituality, and more inclusion of the elderly.
4. Laura's Power Point presentation offered many ways to accomplish these goals by sharing all the tools available through the Archdiocese at no cost.
5. Members discussed changes that have occurred in society in general regarding faith and the importance of parish council to investigate, reflect upon, and recommend solutions to critical issues of the parish and to the pastor.
6. What we have done in the past is no longer working for parish growth; we need to start "thinking outside the box" to increase member growth necessary for sustainability.
7. Laura reminded Council of the following:
 - Saturday, October 22nd – Archdiocese Eucharistic Revival Initiative
 - Saturday, November 19th – Pastoral Council Congress
 - Multitude of resources offered through Missionary Planning and Leadership available to assist Councils

Members then thanked Laura for coming and sharing her thorough and valuable ideas.

8. Pastor's Report

- "Love One Another" Campaign
 - MPH is in the second wave of the Campaign which will last until the end of November
 - Fr. Matthew is personally meeting with specific parish members to volunteer to meet with more parishioners to continue the campaign's goals
 - Volunteer training will take place on Thursday, August 25th
 - The target goal is \$1.2 Million over a period of 5 years
 - September/October – Public Phase
 - November/December – Conclusion
- Standing Committee Liaisons
 - Mary requested that Council Members consider which standing committee they would like to participate in and email her their thoughts as soon as possible

9. New Business – None reported

10. Meeting closed with an Our Father

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Notre Dame Room

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M Scharmach

Susan Scharmach, Secretary
Karen Brah, Acting Recording Secretary