

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, January 5, 2022

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Lower Level Meeting Room at the Parish East Site on 106th Street on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Administrator, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, John Czepulis, John Gomez, Gary Jensen, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were Doug Barnes and Grace Elliott, Trustees.

Excused were Mary Lou Hopkins, Jon Leonardelli, and Gil Van Blaricom.

1. After Eucharistic Adoration, meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:43 PM.
2. Opening prayer provided by Grace was read by all
3. Buildings & Grounds – John Gomez
 - Looking to fill position for a maintenance supervisor; will check with current maintenance staff
 - East site
 - Hired trash hauler, and basement, gym, storage, and parish garage have been cleared
 - PC-9 has been cleared out for use by men's card club
 - New outdoor lighting is scheduled on east church entrance
 - Doors on Lincoln Avenue scheduled to be replaced this week
 - West site tour for determination of future needs
 - 5-year plan – 106th Street
 - Boiler replacement
 - Skylight in church
4. Open Meeting
 - (a) Advent/Christmas
 - Review from Council
 - 4:00 PM well attended; 11:00 PM poor attendance (for 2022 will check surrounding parishes for Mass Schedules)
 - Greeters well received; handed out Archdiocese Christmas Card
 - Review of Home Visits – Fr. Matthew
 - 20-25 Visits made; most had not been at church for 2 years
 - Visits were made by Fr. Matthew accompanied by Fr. Johnson, Margaret Rondeau, Devon Gracyalny, John Gomez, or John Weber
 - Visits were powerful; Fr Matthew will continue building on this connection
 - Requests still filtering in
 - (b) Updates on Ministries
 - Need to recruit Usher coordinator replacement
 - Eucharistic Minister schedule is being prepared, with the hope to cover dates close to Easter; will follow up with written procedures; weekly list to be printed in Bulletin
 - Sacristan list to be finalized
 - Social Committee moving ahead with Trivia Night; further fundraising on hold until after Capitol Campaign

- (c) Council Feedback on Vision for 2022
 - Continue improving communication to Members
 - Request Member feedback
 - Develop database of Members which will include skills and interests which will assist with recruitment for Parish needs
- 5. Fr. Matthew Updates
 - (a) Analysis of Parish Contributions
 - In 2021 approximately 54 parishioners have died
 - Reconfigure budget based upon lost member contributions
 - (b) Caring Community
 - Focus on Developing a Spiritual Community
 - Develop Pilot Program for Seniors
 - Request assessment profile of Aging Members from Archdiocese
 - Meeting to be scheduled with Mayor and request to Camillians for assistance in exploring their needs for development of outreach programs
 - Encourage Members to reach out and assist neighbors who may need a hand
 - Formation of Worship Committee
 - Have interested candidate for Choir and Liturgy Specialist
 - (c) Lenten Spiritual Focus
 - Start liturgy with explanation of why we do what we do at Mass
- 6. Council Development of 5-Year Plan per Finance Committee Request
 - Tabled until March for discussion
- 7. New Business
 - Upcoming Council Elections; number of replacements; short timeframe with Easter falling late
- 8. Closing Prayer provided by Grace was read by all

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM followed by Benediction in Church

Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022, with Prayer to be led by Gil Van Blaricom
Meet at East Site in church for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM with meeting to follow

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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