

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 7, 2021

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, June 7, 2021.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Alan Jurkus, Temporary Administrator, Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Future Administrator, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Gil Van Blaricom, John Czepulis, Jon Leonardelli, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were Trustees Doug Barnes and Grace Elliott.

Excused from the meeting were: Gary Jensen, Julie Barkow-Peck, and John Gomez.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:28 PM.

1. Opening prayer, "Let Us Express Our Gratitude" was provided by Jon Leonardelli and read by all
2. Roster Update – Council Roster was passed out for review and updating of contact information with request to include cell numbers
3. A motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Mary at the meeting was made by Grace, seconded by John Czepulis, and unanimously approved
4. Introduction of new Parish Administrator – Fr. Matthew started with request for attendees to provide a brief introduction, after which he proceeded to provide background information on his pastoral career
5. Finance Committee Update – Gary Jensen provided the Finance Committee update prior to this meeting; the budget, which is due by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th), will be presented to Council upon completion
6. "Thank You" to All Involved with St. Al's Closing
 - Discussion on how to properly acknowledge all parties involved in making the closing ceremonies for St. Al's a success
 - Acknowledgement recognizing the many years of service provided by the individuals serving the ministries
 - Fr. Alan's farewell remarks at the last 7:00 PM Mass lead the way for good transition
7. First 7:00 PM Mass at Worship Site
 - Procession with the 3 Stations of the Cross from St. Al's was well received
 - Good turn out of St. Al's alumni
 - Attendance approximately 110

8. Priorities Discussion Continued

- Merging Ministries
 - Letter sent to participants of St. Al's ministries inviting them to continue serving (Council agreed we should we send similar invitation to the 106th and 116th Street ministry participants)
 - Fr. Matthew will provide an invitation to participate in our ministries to Parishioners in an upcoming Bulletin as well as at Mass
 - Need of Chairpersons for each Ministry
 - Under the guidance of the Financial Council, creation of Buildings and Grounds Ministry to assist staff with renovations and maintenance – there are members with these areas of expertise (let's find them)
- Reregistration of Members – to be revisited
- Handicap Parking – John Gomez has been in contact with City who requested we submit drawing for parking; meeting set for Friday, June 11th with City
- Farewell Masses
 - Tentative Date – Sunday, September 12th, last Mass(es) at 116th Street; Jon Leonardelli will talk with Andy Vaughn and Becca
 - Rebirth celebration at 106th Street weekend of September 18-19

At this time Fr. Alan excused himself from the meeting. He thanked Council for their good leadership and expressed his confidence in Fr. Matthew's ability to shepherd MPH. Council thanked Fr. Alan for his pastoral service and responsiveness during his brief leadership term

- Communication
 - Correct inaccuracies of any rumors if/when heard
 - A Financial Report to Parishioners should be presented sometime in fall

9. New Business

- Fr. Matthew handed out an outline of his vision for the MPH Parish
 - Faith is what brings us together; we need to nourish our members
 - Caring is the realization that our members have different needs, i.e., inter-generational ministries
 - Evangelization and Witnessing will be generated through our faith and caring
 - Fr. Matthew's role is to Shepherd the MPH Community by: Guiding to Pasture, Protecting from Danger, Giving Hope, Knowing the Sheep, Searching for the Lost, Carrying the weak, Caring for the Wounded, and Uniting into One Flock

10. Closing Prayer, "Being Present" was provided by Jon Leonardelli and read by all Members; then said an "Our Father" for the healing of John Gomez

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Next Meeting: July Meeting via email if necessary
Meeting Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:30 PM
Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center, 106th Street

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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