

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 7, 2023

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, August 7, 2023.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Gary Jensen, Council Chairperson, Don Pederson, Vice Chairperson, Sharon Anderer, Karen Brah, Devan Gracyalny, Deb Morgan, Dave Shook, John Weber, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were John Gomez and Debbie Peterson, Trustees.

Prior to meeting commencement Council held a social to welcome new members.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Jensen at 6:22 PM
2. Fr. Matthew opened the meeting with the reading of and reflection upon the Parish Mission Statement along with a prayer
3. Mission Insight Overview – Gary Jensen
  - Council is a Vital Team to developing Parish growth and vibrancy
  - Review of Parish makeup; need to focus on demographics
  - How can we develop uniqueness
4. Brief self-introductions by all Council Members and Trustees
5. Dynamic MPH – Group Brainstorming
  - How do we identify MPH as a vibrant community? Discussion included the following:
    - Utilize Bulletin and website; refresh weekly Bulletin
    - Become welcoming by introducing and talking with “new faces”
    - Develop new individual vocations
    - Become more visible via marketing tools, i.e., t-shirts with logo, bumper stickers with website, utilization of the marquis
    - Pamphlet for new Mass attendees
    - Are we touching Seniors
      - Bring back Bingo?
      - Offer Mass rides
    - Develop Widows/Widowers Group
    - Hiring a Social Director
    - Provide Bereavement Services
      - Provide list of sponsored funeral homes
      - Promote use of Parish Center for after Funeral Mass gathering
      - Provide telephone assistance
    - Add social activities, i.e., dart ball, pickle ball
    - Hospitality – bring back Sunday Heart Rock Café
    - Involvement by Seton MQS families
    - Attract new members for Men’s and Christian Women’s Groups, maybe new group?
    - Work with Social Committee
    - Change music format at 10:30 Mass to make it more upbeat with additional instrumentals and encourage member participation

6. Parish Committee Liaison Assignments 2023-24:

Buildings & Grounds	John Gomez
Finance	Don Pederson
Liturgy	Karen Brah
Human Concerns	Dave Shook
Social Committee	Sharon Anderer
Formation	Devan Gracyalny
Deanery	Gary Jensen and Deb Morgan

7. Liaison Reports/Updates

- Buildings and Grounds – John Gomez
  - Copula window work completed; scaffolding to come down August 8th
  - Contract for snow removal of lots; maintenance staff will clear sidewalks
- Finance – Debbie Peterson
  - Balanced budget complete
- Liturgy – Karen Brah
  - New software has been purchased so readers, eucharistic ministers, ushers, et al. can do their own scheduling
- Human Concerns – Susan Scharmach
  - Focus on Ministry Fair to be held after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses, Sunday, October 22, 2023
- Formation – Devan Gracyalny
  - Registration/Open House with breakfast Sunday, September 10th
  - Change in registration amount to \$50
  - One new teacher
  - Primary focus this year will be on “family”
- Deanery – Gary Jensen
  - Next meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2023
  - Notre Dame purchased St. Florian’s
  - St. Martin of Tours has hired a Director of Communication which is helping the parish flourish
  - Holy Assumption will begin having an Hispanic Mass at 7:00 PM on Saturdays

8. Parish Directory Outreach

- Council to contact active members (950 households) to provide outreach and confirm information for new Parish Directory, and ask if they have questions or comments they would like to share

9. Installation Date – Fr. Matthew

- Saturday, September 16, 2023 – Council Introductions at 4:00 PM Mass at Auxiliary site
- Sunday, September 24, 2023 – Installation of New Council Members at 8:30 AM Mass at Worship site

10. Pastor’s Update – Fr. Matthew

- Eucharistic Revival
  - MPH Team consists of Mary Maberry, John Czepulis, John Gomez, Devan Gracyalny, and Trish Schickert
  - This movement provides opportunity for Parish growth
- With changing demographics, how can we attract diversity
- Last weekend of the month, MPH will provide anointing of the sick after all Masses

Meeting closed with a Hail Mary

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM with meeting site to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Scharmach*

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