

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 2, 2023

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room of the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, October 2, 2023.

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

Excused were Devan Gracyalny and Deb Morgan.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Jensen at 6:26 PM
2. The meeting opened with Gary Jensen reading a prayer
3. Review of Council Initiative Tasks – Gary Jensen
  - Redefining Parish identity
  - Addressing Parishioner needs
  - How to attract new members
  - Bridging the Parishioner divide
4. Social Events – Gary Jensen
  - Council Introduction–Auxiliary Site/Installation–Worship Site
    - Member chatter prior to 4:00 PM Mass was extremely disruptive
    - Wearing of name tags is important for Council recognition
    - Lack of interaction from Members with Council after Introduction was disappointing
    - Installation went well
  - Family Fun Fest
    - Attendance was lower than expected
    - Food trucks and children’s activities were well-received
    - Nick Lee’s participation was a plus
5. Assignment Updates
  - Marketing Tools – Sharon Anderer
    - T-shirts with MPH Logo – \$10/\$15
    - Need PDF with Logo
  - Tri-fold Pamphlet for new Mass attendees/members – Don Pederson
    - Kathy Smith is working on handout in addition to gift bags
  - End-of-Life Presentation by Bevsek-Verbick – Gary Jensen
    - Event set for Thursday, October 19th
    - Request for RSVP’s for breakfast count
6. Communication Coordinator – Fr. Matthew
  - Job description created and posted
7. Liaison Reports/Updates
  - Buildings & Grounds – John Gomez
    - Roof will be replaced on the lower half (non-school side) of the Parish Center
    - Purchased tractor for Juan to remove snow from the sidewalks in lieu of paying for snow removal

- Finance – Don Pederson
  - No update
- Liturgy – Karen Brah
  - No update
- Human Concerns – Dave Shook
  - Shoeboxes of Love gift box project was presented by Mary Margaret
  - Upcoming Ministry Fair, Sunday, October 22nd
- Social Committee – Sharon Anderer
  - Upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, October 28th
  - Trivia Night scheduled for last Saturday in February
- Formation – Devan Gracalny
  - No update
- Deanery Report – Gary Jensen
  - Archdiocese guest presented flow chart of all archdiocese activities
  - 9 Seminarians to be ordained; 81 new seminarians
- School – Gary Jensen
  - Current enrollment 160
  - Events
    - Trunk or Treat for Halloween
    - School Dance
    - Sip ‘n Support
  - Next Meeting October 10th

8. Pastor’s Update – Fr. Matthew

- Fall Priest Meeting topic this year was on Addiction presented by Fr. Brian Mason
- MPH need to create Stewardship Committee to work with Finance Council – give thought who should serve
- Monthly Theme Series for Children and Families – Breakdown of Mass structure
- “Word Among Us” with daily readings is available for September/October (\$1 donation); copies given to youth formation families
- Thoughts to place Feedback Boxes in back of Worship and Auxiliary sites
- Fr. will be going home for two weeks, leaving the last week of October

9. Miscellaneous

- Webinar “Tips for a Better Parish Website” will be attended by Susan Scharmach on October 19th
- Archdiocese event “My Parish Matters” will be attended by Karen Brah, Deb Morgan, Don Pederson, Debbie Peterson, and Susan Scharmach on Saturday, November 4th

10. Meeting closed with a Prayer read by Gary Jensen.

John Gomez will provide opening prayer for next meeting

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Notre Dame Room – Parish Center

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M Scharmach*

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