

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 4, 2019

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room at the 106th Street Site on Monday, November 4, 2019.

Council members in attendance were: Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Fr. Jeff Prasser, Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, Colleen Pluskota, Gil Van Blaricom, Grace Elliott, John Czepulis, Jon Leonardelli, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Nancy Wilde; also in attendance were Darryl Draeger, Trustee, Doug Barnes, Advisor, and Susan Scharmach, Recording Secretary.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:30 PM
2. Opening Prayer: Mother of Perpetual Help
3. A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Darryl Draeger, seconded by Nancy Wilde, and unanimously approved
4. Updated Information/Save the Date Items
  - Updated Information
    - Council meeting dates for 2019-2020
    - Council roster
  - Council Elections – to be held in in spring of 2020
  - Save the Dates
    - Christmas Gathering – 12/04/2019
    - Farewell to Fr. Thomas – tentatively the weekend of June 5-7, 2020
  - Casino night update and discussion
5. Review/Evaluation/Discussion of the recent Mass, Eat & Meet Gatherings
  - Council members, as the bridge between MPH parishioners and leadership, were asked to share comments they have heard from parish members with regard to the two after Mass meetings
    - Good historical background
    - Possible intimidation asking questions
    - Repetition of information
    - Moving too fast for some and too slow for others
    - Change is difficult
    - Respect for diverse opinions of parishioners
  - After lengthy discussion, Council was in complete agreement to move forward with one site for all Masses
6. Stewardship
  - Discussion regarding Council's recommendation to pursue revenue generating options in lieu of Festival – we are ok with asking members for a one-time financial contribution which would be above and beyond the annual stewardship commitment

7. School Update – Fr. Jeff provided information regarding history, lease background, letter of intent, shared services, and Seton Catholic School financial restructure along with a 4-page Q&A for clarification of how changes will affect us as a collaborating shared school
  8. New Business
    - Jon Leonardelli discussed formation of a Fundraising Committee, which would be separate and apart from the Social Committee, but would share overlapping interests
    - Fr. Jeff discussed the new parish photo books
  9. Closing Prayer – Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM with a second Mother of Perpetual Prayer
- Next Meeting – January 6, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Notre Dame Room at the 106th Street Site

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Scharmach,  
Recording Secretary