

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 4, 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, October 4, 2021.

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:26 PM.
2. Opening prayer provided by Susan was read by all
3. Finance Committee Update – Gary Jensen/Fr. Matthew

Gary provided the following:

- Chairperson term ended – Bernie Hintzke nominated and accepted
 - Cash In/Cash out from St. Al's used to pay off 116th Street mortgage
 - Request from Mary Wenger for creation of Property Maintenance Committee to assist with review of quotes for repairs – Committee Members: Doug Barnes, Darryl Draeger, John Gomez, and Steve Lazarczyk
 - Fr. Matthew provided the following regarding future priorities for updating buildings
 - 106th Street Boiler
 - Cupola Window Leakage – \$144,000
 - Doors and Security – 2022 Budget
 - Weekly offering review indicating no specific trends in giving since May
 - Bernie Hintzke's Finance Update at all Masses seemed well received, with some members surprised at the 116th Street mortgage amount
4. Deanery Meeting Report – Representatives Mary Lou and John Czepulis
 - John gave a detailed synopsis of the meeting held at St. Alphonsus on September 29th
 - Feedback on use of the *Living Gift of Sunday* pamphlets – Agreed not being used; suggestion that Archdiocese reintroduce it
 - Back to Mass Initiative after COVID– proposed evangelization for Catholics no longer coming back to church with suggested formation of Parish Teams
 - Archbishop tabled Capital Campaign as timeframe conflicts with Stewardship Appeal
 - Next Deanery meeting will be held first week of April 2022

5. Brainstorming

(a) Council asked to revisit their individual responses to the following three questions:

- Why did you want to serve on council?
- What is your vision for the parish?
- What area would you like us to come together in and why?

Each Council member was requested to share their responses looking at MPH today and provide written responses to Mary Maberry for updating the parish website

(b) Faith Enrichment

- Rosary – Tuesday evenings
- MPH Novena – newly reinstated after Friday morning Mass
- 3-Day Retreat – possibility for Lent
- Explanation of Mass by priests – Lent
- Ask the Members what they would like – possibilities include mailed survey, word suggestion board

(c) Caring Community

- Handouts listing all of the Fundraisers and Social Events sponsored by the individual parishes:
Human Concerns Outreach Ministries, Script, Fish Fries, Trivia Night, Parish Picnic/Festival, Packer Party w-Chili Cook-off, Family Movie Night, Theology & Cocktails, Spaghetti Dinner, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Couples Dinner, National Traveling Show, Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Evening, Dance, Spring Luncheon, Craft & Cookie Fair, Rummage Sale, Funeral Luncheons, Knights of Columbus Reception, 50th Anniversary Dinners
- Resurrecting previously sponsored activities/Something New:
 - Old: Fireside Dinner Show, Golf Outing, Passover Dinner
 - New: Bags Tournament, Casino Night, Beer Garden, Car Show w-food trucks
- Council members asked to review and search what other parishes are doing and bring suggestion to the November meeting
- Bulletin – Fr. Is considering weekly listing of Ministry Volunteers, Prayer Requests, Blessing for Pre-Nuptials, New Baptisms, Funerals, etc.

(d) Committees

Discussion tabled until November meeting

6. New Business

There was no new business to report

7. Closing Prayer, “Prayer Closing Meeting” provided by Susan was read by all

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center, 106th Street

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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