

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 7, 2022

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Council Meeting Room in the lower level of the Parish Worship Site on 106th Street on Monday, November 7, 2022.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Karen Brah, John Czepulis, Devan Gracyalny, Gary Jensen, Jon Leonardelli, Dave Shook, John Weber, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were Grace Elliott and John Gomez, Trustees.

Preceding the Meeting, Council met at the Worship site for Eucharistic Adoration.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:38 PM.
2. Eucharistic Revival – Mary Maberry
  - Preparation Day: Very dynamic and engaging day reminding us that our goal is to encounter Jesus ourselves only through the Holy Spirit and in the Eucharist. The process involves four phases
    - Encounter – Lead people to Christ. (John 1:38) “Come and See”
    - Accompany – The response of each one of us to the Encounter. (Matthew 9:9) “Follow Me”
    - Community – Not just me, but the church. (John 15:4-5) “Remain in Me”
    - Send – Send others on the mission. (“Matthew 28:19) “Go and Make Disciples”These phases are revisited over and over at different levels; this is a gradual process of bringing others to Jesus
  - Timeline: Started with Feast of Corpus Christi June 16, 2022 and continues to 2025
  - Committee Members: John Czepulis, John Gomez, Devan Gracyalny, and Mary Maberry; a staff member and a representative from the Parish community to be determined
  - Lenten Mission/Retreat possibilities
    - Retreat with Eucharistic adoration, benediction, confession
    - Guest speaker
    - Bible Study
    - Build on communication; how can we make this a lifetime experience, not just a Lenten commitment
    - Bulletin announcement to include defining “Mission vs. Retreat?”
3. Mission Insight – Gary Jensen
  - Parish demographics
    - 1,600 members, 57% female and 43% male
    - Age Range: 51% – 65+, 19% – 45-64, 30% 24 and under
    - Marital status: 54% Married, 13% Widow/Widower, 4% Divorced, 13% Single
    - Occupations: 17% Professional, 5% Trades, 7% Service-related, 6% Healthcare, 60% Retired
  - What do we want as a Parish, and do we have the available people to accomplish it

#### 4. Vision Statement

Council came to consensus on the following vision statement:

*To be a dynamic faith community, truthful to Catholic teaching, spiritually nourishing, united in the Eucharist, reaching out and accompanying one another through engaging ministries, witnessing the gospel through the example of our lives.*

#### 5. Guest Speaker – Kathy Smith, Director of Human Concerns

- Handout with brief explanations of the various outreach ministries which, when finalized, will be provided online and to new MPH members
- There are two new subcommittees: bereavement and homebound connection
- Partnering with St. Camillus Services, a “Celebrating Seniors” luncheon to be held in the Parish Center on Tuesday, November 29th, to include a guest speaker, as well as blood pressure stations and health tips
- Parish Ministry Fair is being discussed
- Possible collaboration with surrounding parish Human Concerns Committees

#### 6. Review of Ministries – Liaison Updates with Handout of Liturgical Ministry Leaders

- Evangelization/Formation – Jon Leonardelli & Devan Gracyalny
  - Position for Director of Faith Formation still open
  - Possibility of adult formation videos to be shown before Mass or after Communion
- Human Concerns – Susan Scharmach (no update)
- Finance – Gary Jensen
  - Bernie Hintzke nominated as Chairperson
  - Open position remains
  - Cadence Daycare – third-party representing Cadence requested renegotiation of current Lease; Finance seeking clarification of proposal and currently no response received
  - Unbudgeted items – past items not included in current budget
  - Buildings and Grounds – John Gomez
    - Boiler work to be completed this week
    - Outdoor signage scheduled
    - Scaffolding to begin on 1/17/2023 to remove glass from cupola windows
- Liturgy – Karen Brah
  - Smaller 4-hour votive candles are a cost savings
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine dedication will take place on her feast day of December 12th

#### 7. Annual Christmas Letter from Council

- Council agreed on doing a 2022 Christmas Letter to be a Bulletin stuffer and will also be posted on Flocknote
  - Mary Maberry and Susan Scharmach volunteered to co-author
  - Approval to be via email

#### 8. Open Discussion – Contributed by each Member

- Social Committee Dinner & Show on Saturday, January 14th, with entertainment to be provided by Comedy Sportz; catered by Bunzel’s
- Need to develop an action plan for MPH future development
- Lack of dedicated place for New JourneySong Hymnals at 116th Street
- Love One Another Campaign was a great tool for reaching out to MPH members
- Continue making efforts to mingle members from the 3 original parishes
- Bring back the spaghetti dinner
- New screens at 106th Street are a positive addition
- Men of Christ Conference – increase MPH attendance
- Paper song handout to New JourneySong Hymnals received negative feedback

9. Meeting closed with an Our Father

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the East Site Council Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Scharmach*

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