

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, October 10, 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, October 10, 2022.

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

Excused were Devan Gracyalny, and Trustees Grace Elliott and John Gomez.

Preceding the Meeting, in honor of October being dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, Council met at the Worship site and prayed the rosary.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:35 PM.
2. Vision Statement – Mary Maberry/Fr. Matthew
 - Council was asked to share thoughts on a draft of the Vision Statement previously provided; come to November meeting with thoughts to finalize
 - Census Follow-Up
 - Fr. Matthew suggested using current PDS software along with phone call information and monthly mailing updates
 - 5-Year Plan – Gary Jensen
 - Develop recognition of whom MPH will be serving and how we will meet their needs
 - Parish Outreach
 - Priority is to check with our members first
 - Fundraising events
 - Parish growth
 - Communication, i.e., how to build our Ministries
3. Liaison Reports
 - Evangelization/Formation
 - Jon Leonardelli
 - Service project held which consisted of writing letters to military service personnel
 - Continued internet issues
 - Devan Gracyalny provided advance written update
 - Young Ministry Open House 9/25 well attended
 - Classes began 10/02 with 35 children ages 1-1/2 (little lambs) to 12th grade
 - Fr. Matthew meeting with parents in Gym first 3 Sundays of the month (10/02 well attended)
 - Formation Director position is still vacant
 - Adult Formation has 2 RCIA candidates
 - Human Concerns – Susan Scharmach
 - Election of Co-chairs, Beth Mouradian and Carrie Gorski; Vice Chair, Nancy Dluohy
 - Review of current monthly focus calendar; discussion on updates
 - Formation of Grief/Bereavement Subcommittee – Margaret Rondeau and John Weber

- Major meeting focus was on upcoming October Right to Life
 - Information at both sites provided by Laurie Gomez and John Weber
 - Weekly Bulletin Posts and Diaper Drive organized by Laurie Gomez
 - Finance – Gary Jensen (no update/meeting cancelled)
 - Liturgy – Karen Brah
 - Meetings will take place quarterly. As cost saving measures, oil will be used for the Sanctuary Light instead of wax, and 4-hour votive candles will be used instead of 7-hour. Song books have been purchased as a substitute for the Orders of Worship starting weekend of 10/15-16
4. Deanery Report – John Czepulis/Mary Maberry
 - Eucharistic Revival – Saturday, October 22nd from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
 - Discussion Topics
 - Parish safety and environmental design
 - Insurance requirements
 - Police training
 - Buildings and grounds
 - Currently 2 meetings held per year; 2023 change to 4 meetings per year to coincide with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
 5. Eucharistic Revival
 - Revival Preparation Day will be held October 22, 2022 at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center
 - Event includes Welcome, Speaker and Workshops, Lunch break, Workshops, Closure
 - 3 or more MPH Council Members to attend
 6. Parish Anniversary/Picnic Feedback
 - Setup went smoothly; future events–improve on transporting of chairs
 - Lack of Servers due to Mass celebration conflict
 7. New Business
 - Love One Another Campaign
 - Public Phase Parish Kickoff weekend of 10/15-16
 - Council requested to recruit volunteers to participate in the Phone-A-Thon 10/20 (date changed after this meeting to 10/27)
 - Town Hall Meeting – confirmation by Fr. Matthew responses to all questions raised at the meeting were responded to at that time; those questions sent in writing will be addressed in the next monthly letter
 8. Meeting closed with an Our Father

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the East Site Council Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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