

September 11, 2017

OLS Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Liz Ebert

Attendance: Msgr. Robert Emery, Fr. Rich, Sister Mary Selina, Sandra Carless, Dominic Anozie, Joe Tabia, Joyce Ashurst, Mimi Hermann, Liz Ebert, Melanie Chambers, Ellen Wiese, Jean McArthur, Diana Tynan

Absent: Jim Simari, Chuck Chambers, Tom Pollard

Minutes approved from last meeting

Introduction of new members:

Joe Tabia – Word Cluster
Chuck Chambers – Community Cluster
Melanie Chambers – Community Cluster
Jean McArthur – Service Cluster

- Msgr. Emery reviewed the role of the Council as an advisory board to the pastor. Its main purpose is to evaluate the parish's mission and ministry and help set goals for the future.
- September 10th 2017 Coffee and Donuts had a great response. Worship cluster was host and they suggested that we change the juices to 3 quarts of orange juice and 3 quarts of apple juice. Also, a craft is not necessary but encouraged; something simple and seasonal to entertain the children. Msgr. also reiterated that although the assignment is made to each cluster, the responsibility of coordinating the donut delivery and purchase of milk and juices falls to the cluster chair.
- New Energies: The pastoral councils of both OLS and St. Joseph's will meet at Giorgio's in South Orange on Monday, October 2nd at 6pm. This dinner meeting is to discuss how we can share resources and work together. Msgr. will be sending an email to get a count of who can attend.
- Starting September 24th the freshman confirmandi of St. Joseph's will be joining our freshman group here at OLS. They will be lead by Chris Kaiser as they begin the 2 year confirmation program. This announcement will be made in Sunday's bulletin. Also, St. Joseph's will now share in the payment of Chris's salary. The confirmation service for OLS parishioners will remain here in South Orange at OLS church. It has not yet been determined if the St. Joseph's parishioners will join in our service or conduct their own at St. Joseph's church.
- The Home School Association is gearing up for Tricky Tray, November 11th at 6pm. They have also committed to helping the student body of OLS school focus on service for the 2017/18 school year. If you have any recommendations for service projects in which the students could undertake or participate; please contact Diana Tynan at dianatynan03@gmail.com.

Word:

No new report; cluster will meet before next council meeting

Worship:

No new report; cluster will meet before next council meeting

Community:

Joan Delaloye is coordinating the purchase of group rate tickets to see the musical "Annie" at Paper Mill Playhouse November 26th; a flyer with details will be in the October 8th bulletin.

The parish is hosting a pizza social for all new parishioners registered since January 2016 on Friday, September 29th. All council members are welcome. Please let Msgr. know if you plan to attend. The cluster will also meet with Deacon Raj and Maureen Srinivasa to discuss ideas of how we welcome new parishioners throughout the year.

Saturday, September 30th Joan Csedrik and Colleen MacDonald will host Octoberfest in Venice. Flyer is in the bulletin.

Service:

Kate, Tom and Ellen are working to update the food pantry database. They have also begun to compile a process manual for the daily operation of the pantry.

- Msgr. introduced a new mission statement that has been written and proposed by the Evangelization Committee. It was well received and will replace the existing mission statement.
- Sister Mary Selina distributed flyers about the FORMED website listing liturgical content for September. The parish has renewed its membership for another year. Postcards will again be distributed at mass with information on how parishioners can sign up for their free access. It has been an excellent resource for both our RCIA program and our religious education classes.
- Friday, September 15th we will celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows with a special mass and Blessing of the new Shrine.
- Jen Knoll has been appointed as the new Catechetical Coordinator. Our Religious Education program will resume classes Monday, September 25th.