

Meeting Date & Time: **8/28/2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Fr. Michael, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Pat Junod, Jennifer Cakinberk, Ellyn Cottingham, Deanna Sargent, Anna Schweers, Barb Ledvina, John Armstrong, Ty Barten, Fr. Jason

**Not Present:** Paul Suarez, Ann Wright

- Opening prayer by: Pat Junod
- Minutes from May 2023 meeting approved. Moved by Pat Junod, second by Ty Barton. **Renae Smith**
- **Review of Pastoral Council Guidelines** **Fr. Michael**
  - Council is an Advisory & Counseling board
  - Not as involved with “day to day” aspects of operation of the Church
  - “Inviting, Learning, Serving” is our way to accomplish the Mission of making disciples
  - Approximately 2300 families at OLIH; 6500 to 8500 people (including children)
- **Council Business**
  - **Old Business**
    - **Rummage Sale**
      - Went very well, had volunteers show up in force
      - \$14,300 was final tally
      - Part of \$ went to YM & part to Our Ladies Little Learners preschool
      - Will continue to offer it next year
      - Most left-over items go to St. Vincent DePaul
    - **Pastoral Council Pictures & Bio**
      - Paul is only person that has not yet provided his picture & Bio
      - Fr. Michael will contact Paul to complete this action
    - **Ankeny Service Center** (641 S Ankeny Blvd; 8-4 M-Fri) **Vickie B.**
      - Vickie & her husband visited the center
      - There is a specific area in which anyone can come in to get certain items as many times as they require
      - There is another entry that requires an appointment & the user can get meat, toiletries, etc.
      - If someone from the Parish has extra vegetables, other food, those can be dropped off at the Center
      - They served 568 members in May of 2023
      - Prefer to have monetary donations but will take donations of food & other groceries
      - Half of the donations for our “food pantry collection” now go to this organization
      - Vickie will find out if half the cash donations go here too
      - Vickie will find out if they ever serve food & if there is a way, we can support this
      - Will take donations of home medical aid items
  - **New Business**
    - **Discuss leadership of next council** (Chair, Vice-Chair) **All**
      - Chair (job is to keep meeting on track & complete the agenda for the meeting):
        - Vicki offered to take up the duties
      - Vice-Chair (has same duties of the Chair but fills in as needed): Ann nominated to remain as Vice-Chair
    - **Catholic Worker House meal** hosted by Pastoral Council **Pat Junod**
      - July 28<sup>th</sup>, prepared meal to the Catholic Worker House
      - Made meals for 85
      - Barb, Ellyn & Jennifer helped to prepare the meal
      - October 27<sup>th</sup> is next time we will prepare & have been asked to also serve.

- Team to discuss the October meal in September meeting
- **Other Service commitments by Parish Council in the past:**
  - Adopt a family at Christmas
  - Family Promise
- **Suggestion to add to Mass (By Michelle Gavin)**
  - After the petitions or another time, the congregation joins together to pray the “Hail Mary”
  - Father will inquire with Diocese if appropriate to add to the service
  - Perhaps add it to the end of mass after the final blessing before the final song
  - Will discuss in September meeting
- **Continuing Formation Reading: The Post-Quarantine Church** **Intro**
  - Father discussed recalling when COVID became “real” for him
  - Group discussed how the virus made people feel “fearful” & how kindness has “suffered” because of the virus
  - Discussed how live streaming at OLIH works. Discussed that this is something still vital to the church & our parishioner’s.
  - The new “normal” of life after the pandemic is difficult to understand.
  - Volunteering has taken a “hit” since the pandemic. There is “volunteer fatigue” & some fear of leadership due to the responsibilities.
  - Discussed how we do have several organizations that use our facility for Community events
- **Feedback: “What are you hearing?”** All council members **All**
  - **Question about the structure of “Neighborhood Groups”**
    - Structure is up to the group
    - Fr. Michael indicated this is a an experiment of sorts & how the groups function & for how long is unknown at this time
    - Anna advised that Patty has been impressed with the numbers who have signed up to date
  - Question of why it is so cold in the sanctuary. No real reason, just is. 😊
  - **Daily Chapel-** need to have the sound on in the chapel; a woman in mass was asked to move (by another parishioner) to the Daily Chapel because her child was too loud.
    - Fr. Michael made a note to have the sound on for daily mass in the Chapel
    - Group felt it was not appropriate for the Parishioner to make this request of the mother
    - Agreed there are times when a child needs to be removed but it is not responsibility of Parishioners to make that decision for the parents
    - Discussed how PC could intervene to gently remind the Parish that everyone is welcome.
      - Suggested to have a monthly blurb in the bulletin from the Parish Council where we could address this item with a gentle but intentional message
      - Ty suggested to have a QR code as well to allow people ability to give us feedback without having to directly speak to one of us. Will need to determine setup of this & where the feedback will go. Suggested that it come to Vicki for distribution to the PC.
      - Renae will research & provide additional info in September meeting
  - Discussed that there might be too much consecrated blood left in the Chalice. Suggested to ask others on Eucharistic team to drink it if not comfortable doing that
  - People are looking for more confession times in the evenings.
  - During the 40 Hours of Adoration in October, there will be more confession times offered
- **Pastor Report**
  - **Parish** **Fr. Michael**
    - **ADA-**Generated more than \$10,000 this weekend, did not reach goal

- Does church use Venmo? Would be a great option for people that don't carry checks
  - Might also setup a QR code to gather more donations
  - Welcomed 2 new staff members: Fr. Jason Lee & Laura Kutscher
    - An adult choir will begin practicing on Tuesdays, led by Laura
  - Variety of Adult Faith Formation options this fall
  - Still have a number of Faith Formation teaching positions open
  - Name Tag Weekend- September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; Amy will advise if help is needed from the Council
  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> a Missionary speaker will be here
  - September 30<sup>th</sup> Fr. Frank B will be here to talk about Adoration
  - Mondays in October, will have 40 hours of Adoration, 9 am to 7 pm
- The meeting closed with prayer led by Pat Junod
    - Next Meeting:** September 25th @ 7:00pm
      - **The Post Quarantine Church-** Chapter 1
      - **Prayer Leader:** Barb Ledvina

**2023/2024 Meeting Dates and Staff reports**

DATE	STAFF REPORT
August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Fr. Michael, Review of P. Council guidelines
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Patty M. Adult Faith Formation
October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Misty H. St. Luke's
November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Becky R. Finance/Budget
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	No report
January 2024	No Meeting
February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Randy H. Youth Ministry
March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Tom P. Faith Formation
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Shelley T. PreSchool
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Becky R. Administration
June 2024	No Meeting
July 2024	No Meeting

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term STARTED</b>	<b>Term ENDS</b>
Fr. Michael Amadeo	2018	2030
John Armstrong	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ty Barten	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028
Vicki Berberich (Chair)	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028
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