**OLIH Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 20, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Carey, Lisa Fisher, Todd Misel, Fr. Steve, Mark Schmitt, Kari Smith,

Michelle Tremmel, Teresa Wright, Renee Wuest

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Jeff, Deacon Steve, Sr. Susan, Don Copley, Becky Robovsky,

Jeremey Vortherms

1. Opening Prayer by Renee Wuest
2. Minutes from January 23, 2017 meeting were approved
3. Council Business
   * + **Follow-up on Catholic Worker House meal**
       - Two mens groups from OLIH served the meal on Jan. 27th to approximately 70 people. Todd Misel has details on past meals (i.e. amount of food prepared, number served, etc.) which he will e-mail to Kari so she can pass on to whomever is elected to take over this great faith & community service.
     + **New Council Members**
       - There will be 6 open spots for the next council term which begins in August. Council members submitted names of parishioners they think should be considered for the open positions. A request for submissions by anyone interested will be posted in the bulletin.

1. **Feedback: “What’s Happening?”** 
   * **Parish Directory** – Comments are that it is well done and was worth the wait.
   * **Men’s CEW** – Great turn out with a good mix of ages. Everyone was in awe of the unique cross that Eric Stall built for the palanca room. Patty Cook gave a great presentation on faith opportunities in the parish.
   * **Faith Formation** – There was mixed feedback on the recent presentation on depression. General opinion was the speaker tried to cover too much ground which led people to think it was too long and difficult to follow. The upside was there was good information that raised awareness and good parent participation. Constructive feedback was given to the speaker.
   * **Patty’s blog** – Patty & Joan are researching how many clicks they are seeing on the blog for the Resisting Happiness book.
   * **Fun Fact** – Some of our students who are seniors in high school this year were in the first class of Our Lady’s Little Learners!

1. **Pastor’s Report**

* **ADA** (Annual Diocesan Appeal) – The goal for 2017 is $273k which is up $11k from last year. Since we surpassed last year’s goal by $11k, we have a head start on this year. Fr. Steve will talk about the 2017 goal at all Masses the first weekend in March with letters being sent to homes in the same time period. Some parishioners received a letter from the diocese before ours were sent.
* **Staff** **Updates** – Fr. Steve met with Fr. Fleming a St. Pius to understand how their Faith Formation team is organized. St. Pius has one person with oversight to ensure a consistent theme from Kindergarten through adult. The goal is to make sure the core elements connect to provide a life-long faith formation. Fr. Steve will continue discussions with his team.
* **Facility** –
  + **Roof** – This project is nearly complete, however there continues to be a leak near the library wall whenever it rains. The contractor is working to eliminate this issue.
  + **Parking Log** – Steve is meeting with Snyder & Associates and the city to identify all regulations that need to be met before any work starts.
  + **Kitchen** – Dwight Whitlatch will be meeting with Fr. Steve to discuss plans for needed updates.

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* + **Classroom Renovations**
    - **Room 10** – It was decided this room will be left as is.
    - **Rooms 1 & 2** – Work will start March 2nd and an ‘Under Construction’ flyer was included in the bulletin this past weekend to let everyone know what’s happening. Construction is expected to be complete by late March, but the new sliding wall between rooms 1 & 2 will not be installed until early May. The wall takes several weeks to be made and can’t be ordered until the ceiling track is in place.
    - **Accessories** – Carpet, countertops, chairs & tables have been selected. Many thanks to Mary Green’s family who will be contributing more money towards furniture for the new space and to Vicki Wagner for sharing her experience and contacts with office furniture.

1. **Reflection / Faith Sharing**: The January issue – ‘Getting More Out of Mass’ was discussed. Fr. Steve distributed The Catholic Update for February – ‘Your Daily Lenten Journey with Fulton Sheen’ for our personal use through Lent.

1. Next meeting: March 27, 2017. Prayer leader will be Jeremey Vortherms.
2. The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:45 pm. (Note: This meeting was moved from Feb. 27 to Feb. 20 due to schedule conflicts)

(Respectfully submitted by Teresa Wright, Secretary)