

Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes – Nov 27, 2018

Council Members in attendance:

Father Devlin
Deacon Jim Basilio
Pat Gorman
Patrick Ireland
Irene Sakowski
Donna Lane
Lynn McGarrigle

Father Dominic
Jackie Basquill
Barbara Hoyer
Pete Pepe
Mary Beinlick
Rosie Moran

Father Devlin opened with a prayer & welcomed everyone.

The Parish Council was established to review the necessities and desires of the parish to include, but not restricted to fund raising, ground and building improvements, social and community obligations, and the spiritual growth of our parishioners. Together, we will be dedicated to inspire and strengthen all members to know our faith and serve the needs of others.

Update on publication of “**Parish Committee/Council/Group Contact List** in the bulletin and on the website:

POC and phone numbers will be listed

Jackie still gathering ‘description/explanation’ of all groups which will be provided to Barbara Hoyer to be published in the bulletin and on the website. On-going and Jackie will provide list once completed.

Communion Call/Shut In’s – Father Dominic

Two additions to our list were added – Jackie will provide updated list to Father Dominic.

Irene suggested to have possible substitutes:

Action: Jackie emailed all Eucharistic Ministers and 3 volunteered Updated list provided to all Eucharistic Ministers who administer Communion to our parish shut-ins Completed: Dec 8, 2018

Prep Program – Mary Beinlick

Total of 159 children enrolled

Dates to Remember all at OLP Church:

Jan 29, 2019 – First Penance

Mar 24, 2019 – Sacramental Mass

May 1, 2019 – First Communion

RCIA – Pete Pepe

Total of 3 candidates

Bereavement Group - Deacon Jim Basilio & Irene Sakowski

Bereavement Support Group – last meeting postponed until Dec 6th

All meetings went well

Irene will be sending out Christmas Cards to all families who lost a loved one in 2018.

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator – Pat Ireland & Deacon Jim

Parish Christmas Gift:

The Parish will be giving out "The Art of Getting Over Yourself" by (Catholic Speaker and Evangelist) Jon Leonetti Book the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 22nd & 23rd).

Action: Requesting that members of Parish Council be available to hand out the books that weekend. Jackie will email request, consolidate list and provide to Pat Ireland.

Lenten Book Study:

Doreen McGettigan (Catholic Author & Journalist) will be leading a book study on the above book for the first 3 Mondays of Lent

Doreen is willing to come and give a talk in January or speak at Masses to promote the Book and the Book Study - whatever we'd like her to do .

Meghan Cokeley Talk:

Meghan Cokeley (Director, Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia), will be coming to Our Lady of Peace on Sunday, Feb. 24th to give a presentation entitled "Five Keys to Freedom". (flyer with details provided to council members)

The talk will take place right before Lent, and it concerns finding freedom from sin and deliverance from the power of the devil. Fr. Devlin has agreed to be available for Confessions. Still need to work out the details.

The talk is approx. three hours, including a break. We'll need to provide some type of refreshments.

Note: Since the meeting we arranged to meet with Megan on Dec 6th .

Evangelization / Renewal Committee:

A core group has been formed, Deacon Jim, Pat Ireland and Barbara Hoyer. They have had several meetings to pray and to discern the best way to proceed. They are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Megan Coakley Evangelization Director from downtown. She has made herself available to help this group get started.

A survey put out by the Catholic Leadership Institute is currently scheduled to be available to the parish in February/March timeframe. The survey is intended to help parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and to identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports its growth.

The Scripture Study Group meets every Wednesday. Special Advent meeting Nov 28th. Pat welcomes all to attend.

Director of Advancement, ND School/OLP Parish - Barbara Hoyer Neuman Scholar 2018: Joshua Wielosik

3rd one on 4 years

Asked to apply to be a Blue Ribbon School. From the US Dept of Education website: *The National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. National Blue Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence. Now **in its 36th year**, the U. S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award on more than **8,800 schools**. The Department will formally recognize the **300** public and **49** private schools at an awards ceremony at the Omni Shoreham in Washington DC on November 7 and 8, 2018.*

Summer Camp

Running ad on FB for summer camp.

\$3 per day – 47 clicks

Goes to landing page

7 for part time, 8 for full time, 3 are undecided but interested. They are all asking for rates and more information.

Planning 2 major fundraisers for the school in 2019. Working on an adult-only social/fundraising event for winter 2019.

Raised more than \$20,000 through Carnival \$9,640, Trunk or

Treat \$1,105.05, Claire's Gourmet: \$2,763.45, and Ladies Night Out: \$4,349

Doing a Gift Card Wreath Raffle. Drawing 12/13/18 at Christmas Show.

\$5/tix. 5 for \$20.

May 29, 2019 – Race for Education – possible goal: underwriting the school library to enhance existing programs and expand to meet the needs of the 21st century students

June 8, 2019 – Food Truck Event – possible goal: enhance existing enrichment programs

Started re-registration process for next year.

New strategy for next year. Opt-out form on Option C. 6 families have returned the form before the deadline of Nov. 30th.

Am confirming with the families this week and next. We changed the payment date for registration from December to January 25th in recognition of our school family's finances.

I am suggesting we ask families to choose their tuition plan starting on May 1st and set a deadline of June 30th. The FACTS deadline is July 30th.

Financial Aid

WSFS will be giving us \$20,000 in OSTC financial aid for next year bringing our total up to \$42,000.

Still time to sign up for the Foundation for Catholic Education's SPE. You can donate 90% of your PA taxes back to Notre Dame de Lourdes School as tuition assistance for our school families. Minimum PA tax = \$1,000.

Tours and Inquiries for Next Year

7 families have inquired through website form

Running 2 ads on FB for preschool/kindergarten and 1st through 8th grades.

\$5/day 53 clicks for 1st to 8th 118 clicks for preK/K

Service Projects

CHOP fundraiser

Food Drive

CYO – Lynn McGarrigle -

Teams formed for Basketball:

1 jv girls. 1 jv boys. 1 varsity girls. 1 varsity boys Div 1. 1 varsity boys Div 2.

1 jv high sch. 1 varsity hs. 1. 3rd and 4th grade team boys

Approx, 76 currently playing basketball including high school. Add another 20 with 3/4

1 3rd and 4th gr girls team. Scheduling individual games.

CYO members will celebrate at Mass together this Sunday, Dec 4th at the 11:30 Mass

Giving Tree – Trees will be set up this week in each church vestibule, stars will be written by the ND school & OLP Prep children and put on the trees. Donations will be gathered before Christmas and distributed to local community charities and families.

Drama Program – Jackie Basquill

Shrek Jr The Musical – Production dates March 28-31

Initial auditions completed

Audition/Callback workshop provided on Nov 19th by Drama Program directors

Callbacks scheduled for Nov 28th

Rehearsals to begin in January 2019

Carnival - Pat Gorman

Rich McKinney will be taking over for Pat going forward

Rich is researching for carnivals and will have more at the next meeting

Christmas Bazaar & 50/50 & other fundraisers- Donna Lane

50/50 - \$5,196 year to date

Bazaar – A huge success for the parish.

There were 22 vendors

Profit totaled \$14,290

Men's Group – Pat Ireland

In the process of reforming group – more to follow

Father Devlin – Update

Parish buildings and grounds are being gradually repaired and upgraded

An additional pew in OLP Church will be removed from the middle of the church.

This is being done in order to offer more space/room in this area and to provide a safer environment for our parishioners.

Board of Limited Jurisdiction – Father provided a further explanation of the formation of this new board and what it will promote. It is being done around the country and supported by the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Father Devlin thanked everyone for their continued support and all their hard work on this council, as well as other aspects of the parish functions.

Next meeting – Tuesday January 29, 2019 – 7:15PM – Spiritual Life Center

Respectively submitted: Jackie Basquill, Parish Council

Final December 11, 2018