

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting**



June 18, 2024

In-Person

6:00 – 7:28 p.m.

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Deb Steppe (Parish Director), Paula Dahlman, Jackie Dombrowski, Anita Eikens, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay, Emerson Porter, Judeen Schulte, Nancy Short, Lorie Skeff, Jim Stamatakos, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Christine Yatchak

Excused: Mary Alston, Cory Anshus, Tom McKean, Rebecca Porter

Opening Prayer was led by Paula Dahlman who prayed for a relaxing and safe summer for all.

New Business

Parish Director's Report:

A. Retirements

1. Maryrose Wolf is retiring as Director of Administrative Services. The person who had been selected to replace her backed away from the contract as his former employer created a new position for him. A new person has been selected and the hiring process is moving forward.
2. Roxanne Lewandowski is retiring as Ministries Associate. Deb has identified a person who will be taking on the role in July.

B. As there have been no applicants for the Liturgical Director position, Nancy Short has been hired as the Liturgical Assistant at 15 hours per week. Other duties within the Liturgical Director role are being taken on by others. Specifically, preparing liturgical slides and worship aids: Julie Fraleigh; creating petitions and other special prayers: Chris Deily; ordering wine and hosts: office assistant.

C. Trustee: As Nancy Short is now a parish employee, she may no longer serve as a Trustee and consequently, on the Finance and Pastoral Councils. Consequently, Deb is appointing Cathy Markwiese as Trustee. Cathy will be joining both Councils.

D. Deb has asked Fr. Joe Aufdermauer to join the senior priest staff. Fr. Joe will preside at some Masses in September but will begin officially in January 2025. He has been at numerous parishes, more recently at Saints Aloysius, Matthias, and Elizabeth Ann Seton. A bit about Fr. Joe can be found at <https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/d60af283b62280a8d737359c8859c0142aaf28c0/Jubilee%20Timeline%20Article.pdf>

2024-2025 Changes in Pastoral Council

A. The following members will be retiring from the Council:

1. Anita Eikens has served six years. She led the revision the parish history on the website and served as Liaison to the Communications & Marketing Committee.
2. Paula Dahlman has served for three years. She served as a Community Engagement liaison and was one of the representatives to the Milwaukee Archdiocese Deanery.
3. Tom McKean, who has served three years, often attended OLOL community activities such as the Love One Another campaign calling and cleaning the parish environs.

B. Officers for 2024-2025 will be: Chair: Donna Van Wynsberghe; Vice Chair: Denise Haussy; Secretary: Cory Anshus.

C. The Election and Orientation of New Members Committee will be Denise Haussy, Emerson Porter, Judeen Schulte (chair), and Jim Stamatakos. Lorie Skeff will assist with Orientation.

D. The Vision/Goals will focus on: Relationship Building; Outreach and Awareness; Reaching Youth and Young Adults, and Continued Dynamic Liturgies

Old Business

A. Donna confirmed the status of members in completing the Archdiocesan-required Safety Training.

- B. Council members signed up to write *Spotlight* and *Unsung Disciples* articles for the dates for which there were not commitments already.

Oktoberfest

- A. Barb Webber provided an update on plans for Oktoberfest. Celebrating the 15th year of relationship-building, the festival will be October 13-15, 2024.
- B. **Artisans:** 25 artisans can be accommodated; 19 new and continuing artists are confirmed. Barb said all information to apply is on the website. She asked Council members to take cards advertising the event and share them with persons who are quality functional art vendors.
- C. **Committee members:** Several new people have joined the team. These include Mary Osep and Eres Schmidt coordinating Saturday Activities; Barb Lukazewski, Nevenka Bralic, and Betsy Ducanto coordinating Basket Raffles, and Maureen Petrovich managing the food order and paper order.
- D. **Food:** Fish fry, chicken dinner, brats, etc., and soup. Rupena's Fine Food will donate pulled pork sandwiches and provide Sarma to sell. Parishioners are encouraged to thank them by shopping at Rupena's.
- E. **Activities:** The focus will be community building and fun across the generations. There will be a polka mass on Saturday, arranged to accommodate the change in Mass schedule.
- F. **Marketing:** The event is free. However, the Committee is Investigating drink Koozies with OLOL branding. Also, some baskets will be solicited externally to decrease the "asks" of parishioners.
- G. **Needs/Requests:** All parishioners are asked to pray for the planners and participants of Oktoberfest. Volunteers, especially families, are needed for set-up, facilitating activities, and clean-up. Ideas for publicity and conserving our resources that are not cost-burdening are welcome.

Committee Reports:

- **Social Justice:** Pat McKay said 57 people attended the *Juneteenth* movie. She said there are still openings to assist with the All Saints Meal Program. Also, she asked everyone to watch for information about how to support the Capuchin ministries, especially St. Ben's, during the RNC.
- **Liturgy:** See notes in the Parish Director Report.
- **Finance Committee:** No report. Refer to the June 8 & 9 presentation on the website.
- **Discipleship Institute:** Lorie Skeff said the Committee will wrap up fall programming during the August meeting. She will explore an option for visiting Canticle Gardens that is scheduled for completion in August on the old St. Coletta's site. The Committee is also exploring how to respond to the presidential elections. The church will be open for quiet time on 11/4.
- **Formation:** The dates are set for GIFT. The theme will be *Prayer, Hope and Justice*.
- **Marketing/Communication:** Anita Eikens said that new AV ministers are always welcome.
- **Deanery meeting:** The next meeting will be July 24th. We will need a new rep to join Jackie.
- **Community Engagement:** Paula Dahlman and Denise Haussy reported that preparation of children's bags for use during liturgies is still in process

Next Meetings: 9/18/2024 (Jackie: prayer); 10/16/2024 (Commissioning); 11/20/2024; 12/18/2024; 1/15/2025; 2/19/2025; 3/19/2025; 4/16/2025; 5/21/2025; 6/18/2025

Conclusion: Donna led a prayer that gave thanks for the Council with its creative participants; encouraged us to remember we are disciples always; prayed for everyone's safety this summer and concluded with thanksgiving for the leadership and the planning of the year.

Respectfully submitted:

Judeen Schulte and Barb Webber re: Oktoberfest