

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



September 18, 2024

In-Person

6:00 – p.m.

Pastoral Council in Attendance: Deb Steppe (Parish Director), Cory Anshus, Jackie Dombrowski, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay, Emerson Porter, Rebecca Porter, Judeen Schulte, Lorie Skeff, Jim Stamatakos, Donna Van Wynsberghe (Chair), Christine Yatchak, Cathy Markwiese

Excused: Mary Alston

Discernment of Terry Malloy: After Discernment for Terry Malloy, Terry was unanimously welcomed to the Council. He will be part of the commissioning at the October Council meeting. Terry was invited and stayed to experience a Council meeting.

Opening Prayer: led by Jackie Dombrowski for Council member guidance and blessings.

Parish Director's Report:

- Love One Another funds were designated to cover the parking lot project. We have run into a permit issue with the city and are working diligently to resolve this issue.
- Windows on one side of building will be replaced with Love One Another funds.
- Cameras have been added for extra security, as well as a monitor in the office.
- Deb has hired a Director of Administrative Services (DAS), who has non-profit grant writing experience. Many thanks to Maryrose Wolf for delaying her retirement until a new DAS is in place. A deacon has asked to be a part of OLOL; OLOL has accepted, and the Archdiocese is working on formalizing the assignment.

Announcements:

Pastoral Council Officers:

Chair: Donna Van Wynsberghe

Vice-Chair: Denise Haussy

Secretary: Cory Anshus

• **Archdiocesan Parish Councils Congress:**

October 19, 2024 Saturday from 8:30 to noon at Mary Mother of the Church
Pastoral Center, 3501 South Lake Drive. St. Francis. Registration is required by October 9.
(Google: 2024 Councils Congress for added information)

- **Safe Environment Training:** Required for all Council members. A few members need to find a training site that works with their schedules.

• **Spotlight Schedules:**

Continue Unsung Disciples next year?

Bring three written “caught you doing good” ideas to the October meeting; we will build a list of topics to be used in future Unsung Disciple articles.

Spotlight Articles due: (All 250 words)

September 25, 2024 Judeen Schulte

October 23, 2024 Jackie Dombrowski

November 6, 2024 Denise Haussy

December 11, 2024 Donna Van Wynsberghe

Unsung Disciples Articles due:

October 9, 2024 Cory Anshus (125)—Library/Reading nook

October 30, 2024 Emerson Porter (125)—Hand Banner

November 13, 2024 Jim Stamatakos (125)—Ushers

- **Deanery Representative:** Jackie and Judeen shared information about what a Deanery representative does: Christine Yatchak and Jackie Dombrowski are our two representatives.

Committee Reports:

- **Octoberfest:** Barb reported on the current status of Octoberfest:
OLOL is celebrating the 15th year anniversary of Oktoberfest Artisan Fair. In addition to meeting its goals of building relationships within the community, sharing joy with visitors, providing a respectful market place for local artists of diverse cultures, and harvesting the talents of parishioners, Oktoberfest has also brought in an estimated \$133,000 since inception. Relationship building continues to drive all decisions and making money is a secondary benefit.
 - Currently we have approximately 23 artist vendors.
 - We request prayers for many more volunteers and have highlighted essential spots for serving food.
 - Publicity includes yard signs, electronic presence, local publications, submission to area church bulletins, and much more. Many thanks to St. Greg's and St. Matthias for displaying yard signs.
 - The winner portion for 50/50 is over \$725 to date.
 - Meetings began in January. Last team planning meeting is 9/25/2024.
- **Youth Representative Report:** The first confirmation class was held and it was very good.
- **Social Justice:** A prayer service is scheduled for November 4 at 6:30 to pray for Peace and Good Leadership, in anticipation of the election; the Social Justice committee is also in the early stages of planning a joint Mass with All Saints
- **Liturgy:** Lazarus Service of Remembrance will be held Monday, November 18. Our Thanksgiving Mass will include a bread exchange
- **Finance Council:** Rebecca Porter shared that financially, we are on track, and budget is going well.
- **Discipleship Institute:** The Chosen is running and the rest of the schedule can be found online.
- **Formation:**
 - Our GIFT theme this year is Prayer, Hope & Justice. GIFT started on September 15, when Mike Kolz presented on the topic Hope and Prayer leads us to Justice. GIFT continues on Sunday, October 6, at 9:05 - Fr. Chuck Schramm presents on Conscience Formation and the Election.
 - Sacrament Prep for reconciliation and first Eucharist began on September 22. There are eight children preparing for the sacraments this year.
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) began on Sept 8, during the 10:30 am liturgy for all children in K-8th grade. CLOW continues up to Memorial Day weekend.
- **Marketing/Communication:** no report
- **Deanery meeting:** no report
- **Community Engagement:** no report

Next Meetings: October 16,2024, Room 3 (Commissioning); Jim will lead the Opening Prayer

Conclusion: Deb concluded with an evening prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Cory Anshus