

# OUR LADY OF LIGHT PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

7:30 PM | St Francis of Assisi Campus – Friendship Hall

*List of members/representatives (for attendance):* Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, James Holahan, Fr. Brian Phelps, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Jill Delaney Shal, Christine Winters, Betsy Brown, Megan Sparks, Raquel Von Handorf, Lisa Grunkenmeyer, Christine McGrath, Tony Deliberato, Stacy Stang, Jeanette Fromm, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch

**Present:** Fr. Brian Phelps, Deacon Chris Rauch, Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, James Holahan, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Jill Delaney-Shal, Christine Winters, Betsy Brown, Megan Sparks, Lisa Grunkenmeyer, Christine McGrath, Tony Deliberato, Leah Coghlan, Mike Hoendorf, Laura Robbins

1. Welcome and Opening prayer at 7:33 PM Father Brian
2. November minutes approved (Skip, Betsy) Council Members
3. Reports / Commission Updates
  - Evangelization / Love in Action Christine McGrath
    - The current focus is on prepping for First Reconciliation and First Communion.
    - Families are expressing interest in serving together.
    - There is a trend of Incarnation School families who are requesting sacraments for children or parents. For example, a child who was never baptized would now like to be baptized so that they can be more in unity with their classmates.
  - Worship Tony Deliberto
    - Worship meetings are now held the second Monday of the month to ensure that the Pastoral Council receives the most current information.
    - Christmas mass attendance was good, and the additional hospitality was well received.
    - Attendance at the Search video viewing has been strong.
      - There were questions about obtaining Formed analytics to track the number of parishioners watching individually. This will be investigated.
    - There will be a big Faith Formation event on Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> that will include meal.
    - There are challenges for live streaming – especially at Incarnation.
      - There has been a request for a new camera and a desire to remove the communion distribution obstruction in the balcony.
      - Fr. Brian asked “What capabilities do we have and how could it be done differently?”
      - It was noted that the St. Francis live stream works well as the IP camera is automated.
      - Christine W. noted the importance of live streaming to support remote attendance at funerals.
      - Next step – Deacon Chris will evaluate upgrading camera capability at Incarnation.
  - Principal’s Report Leah Coghlan
    - There are going to be tuition model changes due to the change in state funding which creates additional revenue without tapping into parish or parent funding.
    - There are 930 children at the school.
    - Technology set-up is going well.
    - Skip asked if teachers reinforce that Friday mass does not count for Sunday obligation. Leah indicated that it is discussed, but she is not sure about the frequency. It was suggested that mass times be published within school materials to encourage attendance.

- Fr. Brian noted that 6.5 years ago in an anonymous survey, respondents indicated that they had a high desire to go to mass. The issue was with prioritization against sports, work, and travel.
- Lisa G stated that CYO team masses and dinners have been successful at encouraging mass attendance. Parents said that they like the group aspect because they know where they sit and that it is intimidating to return to mass if they have not gone in a while.
- Michelle indicated that mass attendance is encouraged after youth retreats. The timing is set so that it is convenient to join the group at mass directly upon return.

- Finance

Deacon Chris Rauch

- Financials are in good shape at \$15K above budget at the end of 2023.
- As of this past weekend, \$5K below budget is shown in the bulletin.
- Deacon Chris noted that donation timing is inconsistent, people can donate one or two times a year rather than weekly. Giving goes up at Christmas, during Lent, and reduces after Easter.

4. OLL Family Reports/Updates

Deacon Chris Rauch

- Staff Reports  
No additions

5. Pastor's Report & Beacons of Light Update

Father Brian

- Hospitality Initiative
  - This year, OLL has leaned into hospitality in many different ways.
  - The culture conversations are important to get to one parish in four years.
  - It is critical to help people understand that God made them with specific gifts. There are many different qualities of disciples. No one person will be able to display all of the qualities. Discipleship is still made for them. How do they see themselves in that?
  - *The life of the disciple is made for you and not the few.*
  - In order to start believing, have to have the belonging first.
  - Used to be believe then belong.
  - This is why hospitality is so important – a sense of community is so important.
  - In the next 6-9 months, we will continue to really build community.
  - What can the Pastoral Council do to support?
    - Attend donut Sunday and socialize as a council member.
    - Help to “Monumentalize” what is good about each parish.
    - By the next Pastoral Council meeting, let Dave know if you would like to be on the committee for OLL directory book.

6. Old Business

Dave Laurash

- None

7. New Business

- ISPD – Strategic Planning Report Mike Hoendorf
  - Have received the first edition of the plan from last March and will wrap up in the next few weeks.
  - Two hundred people participated in Phase 1.
- Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Mike Hoendorf
  - SGO education is still needed to ensure that people will use to support Incarnation School.
  - A mailer was sent to everyone in the database.
  - Suggestions were made to speak to different OLL groups, such as the Knights of Columbus, to present in person.
  - Skip stated that some people may not understand that being a Catholic means that there is a responsibility to support Catholic education which is an important mission of OLL.

- Sarah Chivers new Digital Communications Specialist Dave Laurash

- Doing wonderful work to increase OLL in the digital realm. Find us on Instagram @olldayton or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/olldayton](http://www.facebook.com/olldayton).
- Council members should show support through interaction - following, liking, etc.
  
- Beacons of light information session Dave Laurash
  - Will be held at 10 -11:30 AM on January 27th at St. Francis campus.
  - Council members should register, and if have registration issues, still attend the meeting.
  
- Carrie asked about sensory masses which used to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month. These have not been held since they were discontinued after covid.

8. Adjournment (Carrie, Skip) at 9 PM.

***Respectfully submitted by Jill Delaney-Shal***