

# Our Lady of Light Family of Parishes

## Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

**Present:** Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, James Holahan, Fr. Brian Phelps, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Betsy Brown, Megan Sparks, Raquel Von Handorf, Christine McGrath, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch, Laura Robbins, Fr. Joseph Chinnabathini, Jeff Stricker

*General 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, Mike Hoendorf

### Welcome and Opening prayer at 7:31 PM by Father Joe

Approve February minutes (Carrie, Skip) - approved by council

### Reports / Commission Updates

- Evangelization-  
Christine MCGrath
  - April Leadership Summit
  - 1st Communion end of April, getting in last baptisms.
  - RESCUE project evangelization program with Fr. John Ricardo we've been piloting, more at leadership summit, Fr. Brian will invite the whole family to go through it.
  - Divine Mercy Sunday 4/7- Adoration/Rec 2-4 at Incarnation, Adoration/XLT at St. Francis
- Christen Aquino
  - Coming up on last series for High School and Middle School
  - Making some adjustments based on survey feedback from parents and middle schoolers, including smaller group opportunities for kids who may need more structure
  - More leadership opportunities for high schoolers
  - 13 8th graders attended a retreat not tied to a sacrament, 7th grade retreat upcoming.
- Worship- Jeff Stricker
  - Over 350 people at adoration event
  - Candlelight Mass March 7th, well received by those who attended.
  - Updates to video streaming?
    - Deacon Chris- worship commission will need to talk to Stacy Stang about a multi-camera system, which is more complicated because it would require an operator.
    - Michele- feedback on livestream of video event- the audio was not good.
    - Deacon Chris- because they were not tied into our system, used their own sound system.
  - Corpus Christi June 2nd- hope to make more of a family event with a procession, reception, and activities.
  - Worship commission is being restructured into a "core teams" model.
  - Volunteers needed for Palm Sunday
  - Fr. Brian- full procession at both campuses for Palm Sunday
  - Ash Wednesday very crowded, over 3000 people total.
  - soup and stations at St. Francis campus on Friday.
  - Lenten penance services (March 6th) not well attended.
- Love in Action- Christen Aquino
  - no report
- Principal's Report- Leah Coghlan

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- Job fair at Xavier University, doing some interviews to cover odd positions.
- ECHO program at UD out of Center for Catholic Education, working to bring one of their counselors into the school.
- Enrollment is strong, great external validation from the state, looking into professional development opportunities for teachers.
- Finance- Deacon Chris Rauch
  - Did not meet in March.
- ISPD Strategic Planning Report- Mike Hoendorf
  - Shared priorities from ISPD Final Strategic Growth Plan (data returned by ISPD).
  - Next step is discernment of priorities for implementation.
  - Moving on to implementation phase.
- Eucharistic Congress Bus- buy seats on bus, purchase tickets to Congress individually.

OLL Family Reports/Updates- Deacon. Chris

- Staff Reports
  - Work being done on Deacon Chris's new office in rectory, opens up other office space.
  - Highlights- Fr. Joseph
    - Many baptisms, some entire families, 20 kids from the school
    - Good cooperation with storage issues
    - Remodel at both campuses for office space
    - April 10th St. Francis Campus
- Pastor's Report/ Beacons of Light Update- Fr. Brian
  - Leadership Summit April, communications for upcoming year, parish picnic
  - Parish Center and school setup for early 5's classes
    - Leah- shared enrollment status, grades are close to capacity. Have 20 students in pre-school 4's who need early 5, then had 27 applications, so need one more class of early 5's. Plan is to use one of the 103 rooms in the parish center during the school day.
    - Safety audit/walkthrough from Montgomery County Sheriff, Diocese requires full compliance. This has affected how the parish center can be used.
    - No plans for the school to take over the PAC, goal is to try and use the campuses more efficiently. Would need feedback from the people before any large decisions are made.
    - There is a lot of growth in Catholic school students in this area due to new development. (Fr. Brian)
  - Fr. Brian- completed Beacons of Light Year 2 Update. Of the 31 parameters, we are in compliance with 20 of them. A lot of work still needs to be done to build the community we need to build. Mass counts are going up. Last weekend attendance was up 400 from our October counts. Trying to figure out the best way to cover all masses and funerals with two priests.
    - Dave- which 10 of the remaining parameters are we addressing next?
    - Fr. Brian- this is determined by ISPD process.
- Old Business
  - Lanyards- distributed at this meeting. Please wear them when attending church events.
  - Michele- update on history project subcommittee. Need a volunteer from St. Francis.

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- Fr. Brian- purpose is to bring together the history of the parishes up to this point into a book.
- Skip- a directory is necessary for people to learn the parishioners from the other campuses.
- Fr. Brian/ Deacon Chris- directory may need to wait until later in the process when naming, etc. is decided.
- General Discussion of making an effort to communicate clearly about new terms being used, such as “core teams.” Christen A. made a note to include this in the leadership summit.
- Carrie- if not a directory, can we get a listing of parishioners?
- Deacon Chris- that can be done, but need to make sure not to share information of others who don't want to.

- New Business

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Adjournment (Lisa, Megan)

Closing prayer: 8:52 pm

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 16th, 2024