

OUR LADY OF HOPE PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes –August 17, 2015

Present: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J., Cindy Russell (Acting Chair), Sr. Claire Pouliot, Kristen Connelly, David Reese, Andy Litcher, Mary Cafazzo, Bill Burke

Excused: Michael Pizzo

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Minutes –.

Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. introduced Bill Burke, Principal of St. Brigid's and had all the Council members introduce themselves to Bill Burke. Bill proceeded to give a brief report of what has been happening since his arrival (July 13th) at St. Brigid's.

- 1) Bill has meet with all the teachers except 1
- 2) Pre-K has 13 in one class
- 3) Ice Cream Social will be this Monday Night and all are invited
- 4) School starts Wednesday, with an enrollment of 350 Students.

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month – September 10th @ 7PM in the Parish Office Rectory

Council Size – An agenda item by Fr. Sullivan, S.J. Fr. Sullivan presented some thoughts on a good size for a Council. After discussion, present Council agreed to increase this present Council by 2, making the total, 8 members for this Council. Council Members are encouraged to ask someone they know would be good, if they would be interested in serving on the council. If they respond positive, please give Fr. Paul their names. Fr. Paul also gave each member a Document explaining the purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Paul asked each member to take a look at the document and be prepared to give their thoughts about the Parish Pastoral Council at the next meeting regarding their visions & spiritual direction for this Council.

Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. would like us to schedule a mini retreat for this Council at the end of September, or the beginning of October, on a Saturday AM. Members are to e-mail Cindy with the dates that work the best for them and she will let everyone know what the date is when she has compiled the list of dates.

Current proposals – Agenda item by Fr. Sullivan, S.J.. Establish 2 Parish Commissions /

- 1) Worship & Spirituality & 2) Buildings & Grounds

Worship & Spirituality:

- a) How to increase the spirituality & worship/literagy of the congregation?
- b) How do we encourage people to join these groups?

Some of the thoughts were: 1) Jesuits as a group give a Retreat to the Parish
2) A more devotional retreat such as a Novena Retreat
3) Host a night of inquiry

Buildings & Grounds:

People with expertise in these areas or know of members who work in these areas.
One of the first issues to be discussed will be Physical Handicapped accessibility for both

St. Pius X and St. Joseph churches.

Updates: Andy stated that the City of Portland will be charging a monthly fee for Run Of Water for all businesses in Portland including our Parish.

The Sale of St. Patrick's will be Wednesday, August 19th.

Other Business / Concerns: Future concerns for Our Lady of Hope Parish are: Paving @ St. Pius X Parking Lot; Lights & Electrical upgrades @ St. Joseph as well as upgrades to the Altar area.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2015.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McCormack