

Our Lady of Wisdom Parish

Texas State University

San Marcos, Texas

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

30 January 2022

The first meeting of the Spring semester of the Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Wisdom Parish was called to order at 11:20 am on 30 Jan 2022 in the Library of the Catholic Student Center by Mr Bill Fillman.

Members present

Mr Bill Fillman-Chair

Ms Cecilia Pena-recorder

Mr Russ Louch- Liturgy Commission

Mr Rob Aanstoos- Faith Formation Commission

Mrs Anna Hernandez- Service and Evangelization Commission

Mr Robert Hernandez- Stewardship Commission

Ms Nadya Vasquez- Student Representative

Mario Amaro- Student Representative

Visitors

Beverley Pennington

Janet Whitehead

Margaret Bohls

Rowena Vallo

Mr Fillman welcomed visitors and offered an opening prayer.

Old Business

Christmas Party After Action comments—Robert Hernandez suggested shortening the gift exchange portion of the party. Perhaps having separate tables for men, women and alcoholic gifts. Rowena commented that the Night Before Christmas game is shorter. Janet Whitehead asked who the Christmas Party is intended for—permanent members and/or students. Discussion followed determining that most students are out of town when the Christmas Party occurs. Thanksgiving Feast in 2022 will include all members.

Countdown to ASPIRE!

Bill Fillman announced the ASPIRE! conference will be held on 11-12 February at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. It is the biggest fundraiser of the year honoring the Scanlon Foundation and donors. Friday evening's event is for Ladies only at Our Lady of Wisdom.

Commission Reports

Liturgy Commission- Russ announced funds have been donated for the Lector training workbooks. There will be 2 training groups each semester (English and Spanish). If necessary, individuals can be trained. Volunteers are still needed, especially for ushers.

Faith Formation Commission—Rob announced the Vocations Project is still being planned. Call by Name Sunday will be on February 6 for the Austin Diocese.

Service and Evangelization Commission

Latin Rosary—Anna Maria announced the Latin Rosary will be recited on 19 February at 12 noon. Booklets are available in the Narthex. Practices are on Tuesday at 6 and Thursday at 10 after adoration.

Live Christ-Share Christ (LCSC) Project

Mr Jay Villanueva from Austin will provide leaders for the retreat. It is tentatively scheduled for April 1-2. The retreat will consist of 2 presentations on Friday, 3 presentations on Saturday and conclude with Mass on Saturday.

Stewardship Commission

OLOW Maintenance

Robert announced the Finance Council is studying the budget.

David Jarzynka will not be replaced till June. Tom Deming is covering the position this semester.

Women of Wisdom-Upcoming Events

Women of Wisdom are interested in recruiting new members and plan to meet with Fr Jared.

New Business

New Activity-Jan Little has suggested a board game night for all interested. Pending

approval, 23 April is the expected first time. Interested groups can bring board games to play and enjoy time with friends.

Parish Strategic Plan Orientation

Bill explained the plan for the members. He used an enlarged copy as it is very extensive. Additional explanation and discussion will follow. There was a discussion regarding the budget for commissions and parish council, rectory needs, food for students and a Wish List that Tom and Maritza keep for parish needs. Rowena offered that when using "Smile Amazon" (a program of Amazon) a percentage goes to a charitable choice.

Administrative:

Next meeting-Sunday, 20 February 2022 at the 10 am Mass.

Open Table

100 sandwiches were made by parish volunteers to donate to the homeless last month.

Rowena suggested a ministry fair to recruit members who are interested in helping and serving OLOW.

A Diocese Synod session will be held 23 Feb at St Catherine of Siena. Jon and Cincy Grosch ran our Synod and submitted the report to the Diocese, but are not attending the 23 Feb meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the sudden transfer of Fr Jim and the placement of Fr Jared to OLOW in December. Some members present felt an explanation was owed to the parish by Bishop Vasquez. Some members present expressed otherwise. Bill is organizing a group of interested parishioners to visit Fr Jim, Feb 8 at his new assignment in Austin.

It was noted that the lines in the parish parking lot need to be redrawn as they are barely visible.

Anna Maria led a closing prayer; the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Pena, recorder