

St. Odilia

Parish Leadership Council (PLC)

Meeting Minutes 2/20/24

Council: Parish Leadership Council (PLC)					
Date:	February 20, 2024		Time:	8:00 p.m.	
Chair:	Troy Gregory		Location:	St. Monica Room	
Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Beth Aune		Kelly Johnson	X	Fr. John Rumpza	X
Kat Coleman	X	Brian McCool	X	Rick Storms	X
Alison Dirksen	X	Jean Nickman	X	Annetta Sutton	X
Joe Dodge		Ana Pesina		Kathy Wiggin	
Troy Gregory	X	Fr. James Peterson	X		
Karen Henningsen	X	Maureen Rehfuss	X	Amy Etten (recorder)	X
John Hunt	X	Anne Rodenberg	X		

Opening Prayer	All
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- “*Prayer for Inclusion*” by Andrew M. Greeley, Center for Catholic Education at Loyola University, Chicago (shared by John Hunt)
- Reviewed and approved January PLC minutes as amended.

Pastor’s Report	Fr. James P.
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- Planning for Lenten Parish Mission, Fr. Mike Van Sloun, Monday-Wednesday, March 4-6. Music begins at 6:15.
- Small groups have launched.
- St. Paul’s Outreach and our Faith Formation programming may have some overlap. May be something we put into practice here at St. Odilia.
- Fr. John was on retreat recently, Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF). Fr. John will be going through a three-year Spiritual Direction Training program through IPF.

Administrator’s Report	Rick S.
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- Cottage place sub-committee made of parishioners/parish & school staff/MAC members – acting as a sounding board for the PLC/Pastor, working with the city of Shoreview.
- 2024 distribution from the St. Odilia Endowment Fund - numbers will be similar to what they were last year. \$87,500 for Parish, \$26,900 for School (includes Connor Anderson School Scholarship Fund). Money will be used in fiscal year 2025.
 - Two separate endowment funds: St. Odilia Endowment and St. Odilia School Endowment
 - Requesting grants from Ministry Area Councils: during the month of March, councils should work together to determine grant requests, may want to partner with other councils and submit joint requests. Grant applications submitted to Rick Storms by April 6. PLC will review mid-April and grants will be available July 1, 2024.
 - Information on distribution guidelines and grant request applications will be emailed to all councils in February. Any questions on the Endowment distribution process can be sent to Rick Storms.
- May – month of discernment. Not too early to start thinking about your council members, who may be the person to join your council, what is the future of your council?
 - Informational meeting schedule for April 28, after the 9am Mass. Idea from PLC: host an informational meeting in the Courtyard. Need to promote more widely to gain interest/share information on each MAC.
 - Discernment information is included in the Spring Messenger. Need to review roles.

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Ministry Area Council Updates

Worship Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No PLC Rep for worship council. Minutes from meeting submitted via email by Ryan Hauenstein. 8 new sound tech volunteers. Mass counts are on the rise. Prep continues for Lent and the Parish Mission. Brief discussion about adding a few slides to pre-Mass routine in the interest of accessibility for the benefit of visitors. Including restroom location, gluten free hosts, hearing equipment, and mobility requests. Worship council will submit a grant request to pay for St. John's Bible illumination reprints, which can be used at the entrances to Mass. Also researching price quotes for display stands to hold the artwork. 	
Faith Formation Council	Kat C.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisited the collaboration with the Community Life Council including parish mission needs, building the one-event volunteer list, and connecting with other faith groups within our community. Looking for baptism teachers, which led to a larger discussion of communications. Lucia to follow up about Constant Contact, Flock Notes, school e-Handouts. Kat to follow up about calendar. Adult sub-committee - draft of resource site on website being constructed. 30 candidates and catechumens went to Rite of Sending and Rite of Election on Sunday, February 18. 9 small groups have begun meeting with approx. 60 participants, brainstorming future adult formation talks/events. VBS planning is underway. Theme: Scuba; Diving Into Friendship with God! Looking for a Faith Formation weekend to recruit for various roles. 	
Pastoral Care Council	Karen H.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared 370 cards for about 500 parishioners over the age of 80, asking about their well-being, and offering help. 5 parishioners reached out after receiving their card. February collection bin is for Listening House. March collection of soap and towels is for Holy Week. Donations will go to various charities. Garden planning has begun. Reviewing soil samples. Discussed idea of having fun, educational sessions with the preschoolers to engage them in the garden. Memory Care Masses are planned for March 7 and May 23. 6 Pastoral Care members are assisting the Community Life Council with the Family Service project on Sunday. Next meeting for Pastoral Care will be on March 12 rather than March 19. 	
Facilities Council	Fr. James for Joe D.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer sale to purge parish items; surplus of tables/chairs and various other items on our campus. Discussed Cottage Place walking trail. Reviewing ideas for the Endowment grant requests. Suggestions include key-card for Hospitality room, updating windows and garage at St. Therese. Looking for additional help for campus facilities, part-time evening supervisor. 	
Social Justice Council	Annetta S.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working hard to share Pope Francis' Care for the Earth and Laudato si' (Italian for 'Praise Be to You') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging recycling within our parish and school. Trying to address Styrofoam issue here at St. Odilia. Next meeting will show Archbishop Hebda's video focused on the climate crisis. Working on several presentations and informational sessions on racism. 	

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- Looking at various prison ministry possibilities.
- Closed with a poem: "Styro-poem"

Community Life Council	John H.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last month several Community Life Council (CLC) members met with other Ministry Area Councils. Good exchange of ideas for collaboration.• Planning spring pizza event with the priests. May 18 after Saturday evening Mass. More information soon.• Looking for donations for upcoming Family Service project. Will send email with most needed items.• Discussed ways to get information about duties and responsibilities of council members for CLC.	

Latino Leadership Council	Fr. John for LLC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live Stations of the Cross, March 22.• March 21 & 22 Palm folding.• Planning mini-retreat for all the Latino volunteers. Opportunity for Adoration and Confession.	

Student Advisory Council	Michelle for Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment update: 606 enrolled. Minimal students leaving. Enrollment is strong. 26 new students joining school, 7 opting to leave.• Reviewing key policies for the upcoming year.• Discussed 2024-2025 school calendar.• Sandy Kane, Jamie Walsh and a preschool teacher will join the Cottage Place wet-lands meeting.	

Finance Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discerned new member for Finance Council. Unfortunately, Janet Bohman has decided to resign from council.• Reviewing investment policies. Changes to long and short-term investment policy, maintaining a conservative approach.• Reviewed December and January financials. Running above budget. Strong financial position.• Replacement for Gail Foote, Finance Manager. Megan Duevel will be joining parish staff on March 11. Will work with Gail for a smooth transition.	

Stewardship	
Stewardship Council did not meet.	

Next PLC Meeting: March 19, 2024 (no soup supper)
Prayer: Anne Rodenberg