St. Odilia Parish Leadership Council (PLC) Meeting Minutes – 2/18/25

Council: PLC				
Date:	February 18, 2025	Time:	8:00 PM	
Chair:	Allison Dirksen	Location:	St. Monica Room	

Meeting Participants Present

Fr. John Rumpza	Karen Henningsen	Rick Storms
Anne Rodenberg	Brian McCool	Beth Aune
Allison Dirksen (Chair)	Maribel Camacho	Cathy Garvey
Amy Lamb	John Brossart	Kat Coleman (Recorder)

Opening Prayer – Fr. John

Review and approval of 1/21/25 PLC minutes

Pastor's Report Fr. John

- Capital campaign is going well, getting close to 15% of goal.
- Hoping to reach 800 families by June, have volunteers and need more, the more the merrier!
- Lenten mission nights: great speaker is lined up! First topic is prayer. An hour presentation and then an hour of Adoration. Second night's topic is praise.

Administrative Report

Rick S.

- Endowment fund representatives came to MACs to discuss grant requests and answer questions, which the MACs found helpful.
- Grant requests are due by April 7th
- A finance staff member left for another opportunity, so candidates have been interviewed.

Finance Council Amy L.

- October, November, and December financials were reviewed and accepted
- Contributions remain strong
- Mark K. from facilities presented the needs and expected costs, along with timelines and priorities
- Reviewed and accepted financials.
- School received some employer matches. Note that sometimes they'll match for a school but not a church. The parish office can help with paperwork and answer questions.

Latino Council Maribel C.

- Discussed past events
- Hosted a dinner last Saturday 2/15 "With God and by your hand" with a good turnout of 60 couples. A couple gave testimony and Fr. Scott spoke. It was a success with lots of positive feedback.
- Trying to find more volunteers to lead the rosary before Sunday Mass. Going to ask each ministry area to take a Sunday and will make a sign-up calendar.
- The Latino leadership council is taking on more responsibility for events like bread and coffee after Mass

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Pastoral Care Council

Karen H.

- Finishing cards to parishioners over 85. Adding an insert to advertise events for Lent. Will be going out next week at end of the week. About 250 cards will be sent.
- Project with CLC between 9 and 11am Masses on March 9th: family project to create entertainment packages to take to senior facilities where parishioners bring communion.
- Bins: collecting for Agate, a group to help people establish their homes, collecting cleaning supplies and laundry baskets
- Article in Messenger about why we collect things in the bins. Will includes a link to a chart with organizations and their needed items.
- Deacon Jim is utilizing gift cards from the December drive to help parishioners. Any immigration needs should work directly with Deacon Jim. Pastoral Care is working with Social Justice
- The MAC will be looking for more members, 3 people cycling off

Faith Formation Council

Kat C.

- Totus Tuus June 22-27: need adult volunteers, no training required just need chaperones, grades 1-6 in the mornings (need 8 adults) and 7-12 in the evenings with dinner served (need 1 adult). There is space for 90 kids and 60 tween/teens. Advertisements have started.
- Discussed endowment fund application ideas.
- OCIA: new structure has been working well, but isn't feasible with the large number of candidates, so will be transitioning to offering 2 sessions each week and participants can choose one to attend. Coordinator of adult formation, Lucas L., is tailoring the curriculum to the parish based on what he's learned so far.
- Youth ministry: need more volunteers for the June 7th Latino ministry retreat, English speakers are welcome to volunteer to lead small groups.
- Need volunteers for August retreat as well. There will be a fundraiser at Davanni's on June 18th (just tell them you are supporting St. Odilia).
- Sacrament focused subcommittee groups are making progress in their reviews and discussion.

Social Justice Council

Beth A.

- Had a new potential member discern with them tonight
- Course "This Land is Not Our Own" Mondays for 8 weeks on Zoom
- Newest ministry is for youth empowerment 9 students have completed the program which addresses topics such as the MN Promise program and how to fill out education planning paperwork
- The MAC discussed endowment grant ideas and immigration issues

Stewardship Council

Cathy G.

- Will be available at the Lenten mission events to help
- Ways to build community: consider name tags at Mass, name tags at all MAC events
- Parish census have heard about difficulties reaching people, could be done at Mass or at another time, interested in helping improve data accuracy for parishioners contact information

Closing Prayer – Allison

Next PLC Meeting: March 18th, 2025 Feb. Opening Prayer – Karen H.