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## Minutes of PC Meeting 1/17/2024

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 1/17/2024

### VIA ZOOM

Present: Tom McCall, Fr. Bill, Maryanne Sutton, Paul Vacca, Fr Justin, Tracey Ferris, David Kommeth, Nancy Spoto, Donna Petrella, Brett Granville, Giovanni Zarcone, Donna Jacobi, Jonathan Stoklasa, Amanda Lozy-Lester, Donna Jacobi, Marc Boeh

Absent: Amy Mulcahy

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with Fr Bill leading the group in a prayer and a brief liturgy reading.

Maryanne welcomed Giovanni Zarcone to the Parish Council.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and voted into the record by Brett and Tom

The reports from the parishes were read into the record.

Jonathan Stoklosa reported on the Youth activities at HC

Amanda Lozy-Lester reported on Youth activities at OMOS

Tom McCall read Rob Weigel's report on Buildings and Grounds at OMOS

The report from HC was not available.

Brett Granville reported on the Finances for OMOS.

Financial report from HC was not available.

Donna Petrella read the Liturgy Committee reports for OMOS and HC

The report for the Backpack Program and Neighbors in need will be delivered at the next meeting (Donna Petrella)

Faith Formation report (from Amanual Malik) read into the record by Maryanne

School Report (TJ Verzillo) read by Tracey Ferris

Stewardship report read by Nancy Spoto (from Doug Escher)

OCIA report is found later in these minutes.

Advent Giving Tree results reported by Brett Granville.

Knights of Columbus - nothing to report at this time

Maryanne reported on the Social Ministry Program at HC (Kathy Fennel)  
And the Social Ministry Program at OMOS (Brian Ward)

Fr Bill's Conversation Time:

Father would like to see wider participation in setting up and taking down various decorations and such for Liturgical Times. He would like to see Parish Council members assisting and would like PC members to "recruit" parishioners to help out.

It was suggested that MSP (Scheduler Pro) be used in some way to organize/schedule workers vs. workloads. "Advertisements" in the Bulletin might encourage participation.

Father told us about the Rite of Welcoming in support of the OCIA Program and that Baptism and Confirmation Sacraments will both be part of the Easter Vigil this season.

It was mentioned that there were comments from each of the Masses about the running out of Stars for the Giving Tree. As expected, there are a number of reasons for the situation. Brett Granville filled us in on some of the issues at hand. Fr Bill suggested that there might be at least 10 more stars added with the aim of items for the Food Pantry.

Some stars were placed at the Food Pantry locations in addition to the Giving Tree.

There were very long lines for the Food Pantry lately - it is a very successful ministry..

The Parish Lenten Mission will be at OMOS 3/17, 18 and 19. The Title will be: **Finding God in the Change.**

The topic of Fish Fries during Lent was brought up (from Karen Reinford). A number of neighboring parishes have Fish Fries and MOS has a Fish Supper during Lent.

Fr. Bill mentioned his wish to have a “Porter” or Hospitality Minister at the Masses. More than a Greeter or an Usher - rather a person that would invite visitors and others to become involved in Parish Ministries and help them to be contacted or contact someone.

CYO program is doing well and there are parishioners at HC helping to make it a success. Can always use more help.

CMA has reached the goal at OMOS and is very close to goal at HC.

Fr has identified Marc Tachin as the person to investigate and arrange for a relocation project for the Tabernacle at HC. The main goal is to have it raised about 8” higher to make it more visible.

The Collaborative Efforts between HC and OMOS are doing very well and is a meaningful example for neighboring parishes.

St Joseph’s Tables will be held separately - at each parish. There is substantial support for separate functions. The St Joseph’s table is NOT a liturgy. 3/16 after the 4 PM Mass at OMOS and 3/17 after 10 AM Mass at HC.

The Bishop has identified February 22nd as a Day of Penance for the Diocese. Tentatively, Confessions will be heard at OMOS from 1 PM to 6 PM. Extra Priests will be available.

There were numerous positive comments about the Christmas Liturgies at both Parishes. The 10 PM Mass at OMOS was especially nice and the Church was beautifully decorated. There was a suggestion that the Trees be installed and lit earlier in Advent. There was a large turnout at the 4 PM Mass at OMOS and discussion about a homily aimed at children was mentioned. Fr said that the gradual recovery of attendance in the wake of COVID had an influence and is expected to fade by the next Christmas Cycle. The arrangement of the Altar Gates at HC

added a great deal to the bright and seasonal decoration and appearance of the Altar area at HC and there were many positive remarks.

Fr Justin Conversation: Father mentioned that he was also reluctant to have a Children oriented Christmas Homily - largely because he is getting his foundations established at HC/OMOS and some traditional aspect is needed.

Fr Miller's approach with the Christ Child and the young people at HC was well received.

General Comments:

Giovanni and others thought some sort of QR code or Venmo access for visitors might spur donations during special liturgical times and normal Liturgies.(Weddings/Advent/Lent/Funerals etc). Easy way to receive additional donations. Fr Justin said he has seen this approach and it HAS been helpful. That system could be used for the K of C Programs (Raffles etc) as well.

Fr Justin led us in a brief closing Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 735 PM.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 13, 2024 AT 630 PM AT OMOS**

**REPORTS WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY**

Respectfully submitted,

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