

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
November 8, 2022, 6:30pm

6:30 **Opening Prayer: Members Present:** Deacon Steve Barry, John Ries, Dennis Mayernik, Rose Morrison, Hannah & Patrick Marron, Mary Grace & Hugh Black, Silvana Hackett, Kelly Bond and Mary Vogl.

Gospel Reading: Lk 21:5-19

What words or phrases spoke to you most powerfully?

What is the reading inviting us to be as Church?

How might this reading influence the work of our meeting tonight?

7:00 **Approval of Minutes-** October 11, 2022 Meeting; minutes were approved by general consensus.

7:05 **New Business**

- Introduction of new members, Hanna and Pat Marron & Rose Morrison. Steve introduced new members and then all others introduced themselves.
- Rosary Walk Proposal from Donna Driver, Steve reported that this would not be done this winter. Hannah and Patrick Marron were very interested in this. They talked about something like this in Kalispell that is very successful. Maintenance, security, would people drive here for it, who would use it, cost, how much the Driver's would contribute: were things discussed. This will be looked into and thought out more.
- Fr. Dan's Birthday Celebration, Jan. 7-8th Lucy Gangler said she would head this up, Hannah & Patrick Marron volunteered to help with this celebration.
- Advent Penance Service, Dec. 13th need "cookie" coordinator, Dennis Mayernik said he would do this. The time was moved up to 6:30.
- Caring Hearts-Helping elderly, widows, with needs. Chris McGonagall suggested this to Steve. The discussion was positive for this by all.
- Social Justice Committee need? Steve postponed this item.
- Marriage Retreat, "Adventures in Marriage", Nov. 11-12....Diocese notice. This will be held at the South Hills Baptist Church.

7:50 **Old Business**

- Bishop Vetter Visit Cancelled.....food was awesome. Mary Grace
 - Update: Bishop will be with us Dec. 11th at 8am Mass! Mary Grace, graciously volunteered to do the food for this new time.
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, November 23rd Update .Steve said we need a few more pies for this.
- Parish Directory Update.....Kelly reported that this is complete and up on the OLV web site. Package prices are very reasonable.
- Fountain Installation status update....Steve reported that all is done except what is to be done in the Spring: irrigation.

- OLV Signs two new signs are in place. They are 4'x8'
- Solar Panel Project Update.....Steve reports that the grant is submitted to NWEnergy. We will know in February if we got the grant.
- Security Cameras.....Steve reports that they are all installed and operating.
- Seminarian Care Kit update.....Hugh reported that he and Bob Bennett decided to do this after the first of the year. Some ideas for them are restaurant gift cards, warm socks.
- Young Families/Singles, Spiritual Needs-moving forward.....Steve reported that Doug Tooke will do a presentation on this on February 28, 2023.

8:20 **Deacon Corner**

8:30 **Closing Prayer**

Next Meeting January 10th, 6:30 pm