**Our Lady of Peace Parish**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 6, 2018**

***CALL TO ORDER***: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Koranteng at 6:35pm

 in the Counters Room of the OLOP Rectory, and opened with a prayer

 by Fr. Walter Dziordz.

***ROLL CALL:***  Present: Fr. Walter Dziordz, Eric Koranteng, Diane Ray, Mae Ciancio

 Kellie Moore, Dennis Morajda,

 Apologies: Bernie Maresh, Walter Block.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:***  Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

 Dennis Morajda motioned to approve the agenda. Diane Ray

 seconded the motion. All voted to approve the February 6, 2018

 meeting agenda.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***  After acknowledging a spelling error in the typing of Kellie Moore’s

 name, Eric Koranteng called for a motion to approve the meeting

 minutes held on February 6, 2018. A motion was made by Dennis

 Morajda to approve the said minutes, and was seconded by Diane Ray.

 All voted to approve the February 6, 2018 meeting minutes.

***OPENING REMARKS:***  In his opening remarks, Eric Koranteng welcomed members to the first

 meeting of the year. He acknowledged that it was not possible to

 convene a meeting during the month of January due to scheduling

 conflicts and also the unavailability of some of the members. However,

 that notwithstanding, Eric noted that the council was able to discharge

 some of its duties via email during that period. He thanked members

 for their services to the parish and asked for their continued sense of

 dedication and commitment of their time, talent and treasure in the

 service of Christ and Our Lady of Peace Parish. Eric also mentioned that

 he and Fr. Walter will be meeting with a parishioner who has agreed in

 principle to serve on the council. If all goes well, this prospective

 member will be formally introduced at the next meeting.

 Fr. Walter in his opening remarks, acknowledged the advisory capacity

 of the parish council, but reiterated the need for the council to

 increase its membership to help it expand its role to meet the growing

 needs of the parish as outlined by recent diocesan guidelines.

***HAS COMEDY NIGHT:*** Eric Koranteng acknowledged the due diligence that had been carried

 ***PROPOSAL*** out on the various aspects of the proposal by council thus far. The only

 point of contention was whether it was prudent for the HSA, in the event

 of a loss or deficit, to offset this by underwriting the loss or deficit from

 HSA accounts. Kellie Moore opined that this would have to be referred to

 the Finance Council for determination. After further discussion, members

 unanimously agreed that a recommendation be made to Fr. Walter to

 approve the hosting of the event. Eric Koranteng was charged to make a

 formal recommendation to Fr. Walter to this effect.

***STEWARDSHIP OF*** Eric Koranteng mentioned that the campaign formally kicked off on

***TREASURE CAMPAIGN:*** January 21, 2018, with Fr. Walter speaking at the 7AM, 8:30AM,

 10:15AM, and 12PM Masses, whiles Deacon Frank Vonesh addressed

 the 6:30PM Mass on the same day. Individual letters had also been sent

 to parishioners concerning the stewardship of treasure campaign.

 Memebrs raised a lot of concerns about the manner in which the

 campaign was launched. As pointed out by Mae Ciancio, whiles the

 letters to the parishioners asked for a twenty per cent increase in the

 Sunday offering, Fr. Walter’s message from the pulpit stipulated a

 ten per cent increase. Dennis Morajda was of the opinion that concrete

 reasons should have been outlined for why parishioners were being

 asked to increase their Sunday offering. Kellie Moore, answered this by

 stating that the process which was being handled by Design Big Dreams

 (DBD), the consultants hired by OLOP to assist with this effort, had

 advised that it was not prudent to spell out in detail the reasons during

 the launch phase of the program. Kellie assured members that their

 concerns will be passed on to Deacon Frank Vonesh, the chair of the

 Stewardship Committee. Dennis Morajda asked whether there was a plan

 in place to introduce the Estate Planning idea to parishioners. Kellie

 Moore said that Mike Clark of the Finance Coucil had offered to kick start

 this program. No date had been scheduled as yet.

 Eric promised to provide feedback from the Stewardship Committee

 concerning all the issues raised about the stewardship of treasure

 campaign.

***SCHOOL UPDATES:*** Fr. Walter informed council of a very impressive and successful technology

 night that was organized for the school parents, students and teachers. This

 initiative was spearheaded by Kellie Moore and an outside Technology

 Team. Currently the school kids are working in Google, with the 4th to 8th

 grade students each having the use of a Chromebook device. The Pre K to 3rd

 graders share I-Pad cards.

 Fr. Walter also informed council of the resignation of the School Principal,

 Mr. Tony Wilkinson, effective end of June 2018. Currently a Transition team

 comprising, Nicole Serpico –School Board President, Mr. Joe Philips – Finance

 Council Chair, Kellie Moore – OLOP Business Manager/ Parish Administrator,

 Tony Wilkinson – outgoing Principal, and Fr. Walter Dziordz are working to

 steer the school to the end the school year. Permission is being sought from

 the Catholic Schools Office, to convene a Search Team, to hire a Principal

 before the beginning of the next academic school year.

***PC ORGANIZATIONAL:*** Eric Koranteng suggested that council, as presently constituted could

 ***CHART*** start an outreach exercise to some of the identifiable ministries to

 ascertain the areas where these ministries might need assistance, and to

 help them in this regard. For starters, Dennis Morajda will liaise with the

 Religious Education Ministry, Mae Ciancio will reach out to the Welcome

 Ministry, Diane Ray will be responsible for the Youth Ministry. Eric urged

 the members to share any information they gather from these ministries in

 order for council as a group to act on it in a timely manner.

***FOOD PANTRY:*** Eric Koranteng referenced the anonymous letter sent to the Rectory by

***LETTER*** an alleged recipient of Food Pantry services. Eric informed council that he

 would forward the letter to the Food Pantry Leader, and ask for his

 comments. This process will be done via email and copied to all members.

***OTHER MATTERS:***

* Mass of Appreciation: With the return of Deacon Larry Fudacz from his vacation,

 Eric Koranteng will meet with him to start the planning for

 this event.

* Cyber Bullying: Mae Ciancio will forward information about a consultant, who deals

 with cyber bullying, and who is accredited with the Diocese of Joliet,

 to council and to the attention of Kellie Moore for consideration for

 a possible engagement with the OLOP School.

* FORMED.ORG: Diane Ray introduced the FORMED website to members, as a possible

 medium to be used by the entire Parish and School. FORMED, is a

 revolutionary digital platform that gives parishes unprecedented access

 to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and

 eBooks from the Church’s foremost presenters. Diane was tasked to

 provide further details of this program to council members for them to

 study and comment on its appropriateness for our parish.

***CLOSING PRAYER/:*** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM, after the closing prayer was ***ADJOURNMENT***  said by all.The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 8, 2018.

 Prepared by: Eric Koranteng – *(PC Chair & interim Secretary)*