

Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	December 16, 2024 6:30 PM
Meeting Location	OLR Rosary Hall
Members Present	Ann Kolb, Kathi McLendon, Maryzabel Hernandez, Brandon Shriver, Kevin Bertelsen, Esperanza Rincon, Donaciano Corona, Orla Kelly-Rajan, Holly Turnage, John Lombardi, Jim Mach
Members Absent	Father Sebastian, Pat Farner, Zusanna Herrara, Brandon Shriver
Guests/Other Members	Helen Greco, George Olmoz, Karen Bloxsom
Meeting Presider	Father Sabastian, Kevin Bertelsen

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading/Sharing	Maryzabel Hernandez John 6:35	
Pastor's Opening Remarks	Father Sabastian was not present due to a Diocesan meeting. In his absence, the meeting is considered unofficial.	
Approval of Minutes		John Lombardi moved the minutes be accepted; Jim Mach seconded.
Amendment/ Additions to the Agenda	No additions were made.	
Business of the Day	<p>Babysitting Certification Training: Judy Emch volunteered to provide the Red Cross babysitting certification training which will include CPR, First Aid, AED, and babysitting instruction. She will need 11 – 15 youth to conduct the class. Red Cross charges \$60/person to cover administration fees and supplies. A tentative number of interested youth will be obtained at the next Youth Group meeting. Participant expectations will also be discussed at that meeting such as agreement to provide X hours of babysitting service to the church in return for the training. January dates will be explored for offering the 12-hour training.</p> <p>It was suggested that the church assist in covering part of the \$60/person charge, and the Youth Group budget could pick up the remainder.</p> <p>Judy also mentioned that she could offer a CPR, First Aid, AED course for adult parishioners. The fee is \$45.</p> <p>Follow-Up on Audiovisual System: Kevin is still waiting on a call-back from an IT professional with the Diocese to seek additional information on recommended vendors.</p> <p>Updates on Pastoral Council Action Plan Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish-wide unity events/Orla: Orla reported on the successful OLR Feast Day potluck dinner and the upcoming parish-wide Christmas Caroling on December 23. A St. Patrick's Day event and Lenten Retreat will be planned for 2025. • Liturgical Events during Advent: The Spanish women held a well-attended retreat. • Church survey/Kathi: The survey is completed and awaiting Father's approval for distribution. • Calendar of outreach activities/Brandon: No report on the calendar was provided since Brandon was not present at the meeting. Ann reported that the second collection for the Backpack Program raised \$808 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversational Spanish and English classes: Maryzabel stated that announcements and sign-ups for the upcoming Conversational Spanish class will be made in January with hopes of starting the class in February. The class will run for approximately 6 weeks and will meet 1 – 2 days/week. Once the Conversational Spanish classes get underway, the Conversational English classes will be explored further. 	
Other Business	None at this time.	
Recognition of commissions and groups	<p>Faith Formation: Holly provided an update on the Faith Formation classes that include 173 children from 1st – 8th grades. Five older children are also participating in RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) while 11 adults are enrolled in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).</p> <p>Holly mentioned two particular needs of the Faith Formation program: (1) updated DVD and audiovisual equipment and (2) volunteers to serve as teachers and aides. When the Pastoral Council plans its Joyful Gifts...Joyful Giving campaign in the spring, parishioners will be urged to volunteer for Faith Formation. Holly announced that they would begin re-enrolling in May for the fall cycle of FF classes.</p> <p>Community Ministries: Holly and Helen reported on the church's participation in Meals on Wheels and the need for more volunteers to deliver food. The church is also providing meals to 85 individuals at the homeless shelter.</p> <p>Youth Group: Karen Bloxsom reported on the Triad Youth Vicariate Council-sponsored Seek and Skate event held in LeBauer Park in Greensboro. Karen also mentioned two needs of the Youth Group: (1) a church bus for transporting youth to church-related events and (2) a paid Youth Group Director for the 12 – 15 youth currently participating in the St. Vincent de Paul Youth Council. Kevin stated that the recommendations would be forwarded to the Finance Committee.</p>	
Announcements	The Hispanic community is conducting Las Posadas from December 15 – 23 by acting out and reliving the days Mary and Joseph experienced as they journeyed to Bethlehem. Las Posadas will include the recitation of the rosary, shared food, and festivities.	
Next meeting date	Monday, January 27 6:30 PM Prayer and Scripture Reading – Orla Kelly Rajan Invited Commissions/Groups: Ladies' Guild and Evangelization Commission	
Closing prayer	Kevin Bertelsen	
Meeting adjourned at:	7:16 PM	
Minutes submitted by:	Kathi McLendon	