

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2025, 6:00 PM
Notre Dame Room, Parish Center

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Council members in attendance were: Fr Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Gary Jensen, Council Chair, Sharon Anderer, Devan Gracyalny, Debra Morgan, Don Pederson, Vice-Chair, Dave Shook, John Weber, and Karen Brah who acted as Recording Secretary. Also in attendance were Debbie Peterson and John Gomez, Trustees.

Excused was Susan Scharmach.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Jensen at 6:00 P.M.
2. The Jubilee Prayer for the 2025 Holy Year was brought by Devan and read by all.

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.*

Amen

3. Council Process – Election/Discernment Discussion – Gary Jensen
 - Discernment process is in the Council Manual in the section titled “Discerning New Leaders”
 - Gary has had conversations with Archdiocesan Parish Planning as well as Fr. Matthew regarding this process
 - Election Process can often be a popularity contest rather than seeking out parishioners and their specific gifts
 - Open Discussion – Discernment vs. Election Process
 - Devan’s thoughts being the parish at large should have input regarding the parish’s change to Discernment rather than the current Election Process
 - Agreed by all that the parish members would also have to be educated on the differences between the two processes
 - Upon completion of discussion, the following motion was made by Don Pederson, seconded by Sharon Anderer, and unanimously approved:

“It is hereby resolved that Council will move forward with pursuing the Discernment Process in selecting new Council Members instead of the current Election Process.”

- A Steering Team to begin the Discernment Process was formed, with the following members: Gary Jensen, Don Pederson, Debbie Peterson, and Susan Scharmach
- 4. Liaison Reports – Gary Jensen
 - New process of creating written Liaison Reports that are sent to Council members prior to meeting has been well received by all Council members
 - Information received includes more detail
 - Saves time at meetings
 - Creates an internal record
 - There was agreement to continue new process
- 5. Hospitality Weekend January 25-26 – Gary Jensen
 - Council will be hosting this weekend as follows:
 - Saturday 4:00 PM Mass – Inspiration Team
 - Sunday 8:30 AM Mass – Sharon Anderer and John Gomez, 10:30 AM Mass Karen Brah and Dave Shook, and 7:00 PM Mass Debbie and Jim Peterson
 - NOTE: Inspiration Team informed Council after the meeting they would be hosting the 7:00 PM Mass*
 - PEC funds will be used for food and beverage purchases
- 6. Council Discussion – Gary Jensen
 - Where MPH's growth is now and looking to the future was continued from previous meetings
 - Devan suggested using the electronic sign for parishioners that have businesses they would like to promote
 - Fr. Matthew suggested sending letters to new homeowners in the area inviting them to attend MPH liturgies
 - Festival flyers on doors inviting people
 - Tickets for complimentary fish fries for civic leaders
- 7. Pastor's Report – Fr. Matthew
Fr. Matthew's Report is attached

The meeting closed with the Hail Mary.

It was suggested and agreed that The Jubilee Prayer continue to be used as the Opening Prayer at future meetings throughout 2025.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Notre Dame Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M Scharmach

Susan M. Scharmach, Secretary
Karen Brah, Acting Recording Secretary

Pastors Update: Pastoral Council Meeting January 6, 2025

Advent and Christmas Season. Thanking all for the wonderful liturgies and participation. Any learning/feedback to improve next year?

Faith Formation: new initiatives and engagement with families. During Advent, Pastor with the Sisters blessed the homes of children enrolled in Faith formation program covering 16 homes before Christmas.

Senior Ministry: Parish reaching out to seniors who are not able to come to us. Powerful ministry of our care to those who built our church. During Advent we initiated a program with the help of volunteers and ministry groups to visit the homes of the seniors and gift them with cookie box with a greeting card on behalf of the parish covering 66 seniors. We also introduced in collaboration with Catholic charities and Schoenstart Sisters caroling to the those seniors who are most isolated and not able to come to church, covering 11 seniors in their homes and 4 seniors in institutions who belong to our parish.

Stewardship – Inspiration Team initiatives. We sent a special letter to people who have not contributed in 2024 to the parish, encouraging them to contribute to the life and mission of the parish through their Prayers, Time, Talent or Treasure.

Invited the Council and various committees to do a half year evaluation of the programs planned and its accomplishments.

Planning for Lent – Spiritual Renewal based on the theme of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Lenten First Friday Adoration plans

Lenten Mission with Don Scholtz

Parish Festival and the opportunity to build our Parish community

Please promote our school in the parish, especially during the upcoming Catholic School Week,

We are still waiting for the plans of Korean Catholic Church to move to MPH West Site.

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Mi

Pastor