

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 7, 2011

Present: Father Arnold, Chuck Steele, Clem Purcell, Maureen Roche, Art Minadeo, Bernie O'Neill, Barb Smith, Jennifer Schuberth, Adam Novotny, Tom Kieffer, Kathy Gates, Laura Randazzo and Lisa Sliker (ex officio)

Absent: Pete Gobell, Bill Sharp and Rachel Barron

Opening Prayer: Father Arnold offered the opening prayer.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the May 3rd, 2011 meeting were approved.

Seating New Members: Kathy and Tom were congratulated on their election to the Pastoral Council.

Pastor's Report:

1. **Parish Planning Process:** With the transfer of Father McLean to Rome, Father Arnold is making preparations for becoming a one-priest parish but he is leaving the door open for help. On Thursday, June 9th and Saturday, June 11th Laura, Jon Smith and Cindy Scarfo-Fisher will be attending meetings organized by the Archdiocese to discuss the future parish planning process and to get suggestions from the laity. Also in attendance will be leadership teams from other local parishes.

Today was the first regional pastors meeting where it was communicated that OLPH will be working together with St. Paul's, Resurrection and St. Alphonsus. The Archdiocese is planning to get Pastoral Councils together in the fall to talk about initial steps to get our parishes in line which will include planning for consolidated mass schedules. For the time being, there will be no changes in our weekend masses but we will no longer be able to have two masses on Thursday morning. We will be getting outside help for our existing masses.

2. **Areas where laity could help Father:**
 - a. Training of altar servers.
 - b. Coordinating of ministries and training schedules.
3. **Young adult ministry:** Father reported that the planning for Hearts on Fire is going well. There are already 20+ young adults signed up. Jennifer and Larry are coordinating the food and many parishioners have volunteered to help in that area. We still need volunteers to help with child care.
4. **Erin White:** Erin will be leaving her position as Director of High School Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry to become a full-time mom.

- 5. New Principal:** Rose Goeres will have her first official day at OLPH School on July 25th. She and Nancy will be working together for a week. They are still looking to fill the remaining openings in the school.

Hospitality Committee Report: Laura reported on the following:

- 1. Mass Ministry - Ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers:** We have a shortage of ushers and many of our existing ushers are ready to retire. We are presently working to change the methodology for acquiring new ushers. We are also in need of greeters with better training. Chuck reported that the recruitment meeting determined that our present method is not working. He said that Sue personally invited people to help with the Mass Ministry as greeters and got 18 takers. Chuck would like all Pastoral Council members to recruit parishioners for these ministries by personal invitation.

Parishioner Contact Program: Beginning in the fall, Laura would like each Pastoral Council member to make 100 phone calls to parishioners. Lisa suggested a community open house for those in the same neighborhood.

Assessment of Financial Health of the Parish: Chuck handed out a memo that will be distributed to the parishioners, with a cover letter from Father, stating the Finance Committee's role in the parish and the "financial condition of the parish, the level of administration that is being provided and some opportunities and challenges that face OLPH in the future."

Election of Officers (2011-2012): Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

The following nominations were made:

Chair: Laura was nominated by Jennifer; Art nominated by Chuck.
 Vice Chair: Chuck nominated Bill; Pete was nominated by Jennifer.
 Recording Secretary: Chuck nominated Barb
 Corresponding Secretary: Chuck nominated Maureen

The following were elected as Officers:

Chair: Laura Randazzo
 Vice Chair: Pete Gobell
 Recording Secretary: Barb Smith
 Corresponding Secretary: Maureen Roche

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th, 2011.

Closing: The Hail Mary was recited by all Pastoral Council members.