

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
March 15, 2011

Present: Father Arnold, Chuck Steele, Clem Purcell, Pete Gobell, Rachel Barron, Maureen Roche, Art Minadeo, Adam Novotny, Bernie O'Neill, Barb Smith, Bill Sharp, Jennifer Schuberth and Lisa Sliker (ex-officio)

Absent: Father McLean

Opening Prayer: Father Arnold offered the opening prayer.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the February 1, 2011 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

1. **School:** OLPH is in the process of searching for new principal. There have been some interviews with more to come. Hopefully a selection will be made within a few weeks.
2. **Parish Land Sale:** The land sale has gone through. We are still working out housekeeping details with the Diocese.

Creation of Nomination Committee: Laura asked for a volunteer to chair the Nomination Committee. The responsibilities of the committee include:

1. Locating candidates
2. Preparing bios
3. Making preparations for voting
4. Tallying the votes.

Bernie volunteered to chair the committee and Chuck and Pete agreed to assist. The time frame for voting is Easter. There are three people rolling off of the Council this year. Laura asked every council member to approach one person and ask them to run.

ISPD (Institute of School & Parish Development) Report: Laura, Lisa, Lauri Shropshire and Zulma Whiteford attended the March 1st seminar. The seminar was an attempt to put all of the things that other parishes have found to be successful in bringing life into their parishes into an organized structure. Frank Donaldson, President of ISPD, defines development as "bringing Christ to people and people to Christ as a mission".

St. Mary of the Mills in Laurel has been participating in this program for two years. In April, Jim and Valerie will visit OLPH and speak to the school board and the Pastoral Council about a unified development process between the church and school.

Laura would like to have the core group organized by Easter. And the development group by the fall.

Communication Committee: Art Minadeo distributed a Draft Proposal to the Council which he discussed in further detail. Father stated the need to have a team consisting of technical savvy people (involved in web design or graphic design) to develop an attractive periodic e-mail to send to parishioners with upcoming events.

Pictorial Directory: Lisa reported that Jeanne Martin will be organizing a pictorial directory (both hard copy and web based). She will need one person to assist in the administrative tasks, two people for the sign up phase and someone to unlock and lock the building on picture-taking days. Sign up for pictures will be from April 17th through May 15th and pictures will be taken from May 31st through June 19th.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for April 5th.

Closing Prayer: Father Arnold offered the closing prayer.