

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

Present: Father Arnold, Father John, Laura Randazzo, Lisa Sliker, Pete Gobell, Kathy Gates, Art Minadeo, Clem Purcell, Maureen Roche, Tom Kieffer, Barb Smith, Jennifer Schuberth, Rachel Barron, Chuck Steele and Karen Potter.

Opening Prayer: Father shared two inspirational quotes from Pope Benedict XVI, together with Psalm 27th which was recited by everyone present. The opening prayer was offered by Father Arnold.

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the October 4, 2011 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

1. **Financial Report:** This coming weekend Father will be speaking at all of the masses about the stewardship update and will be encouraging parishioners to continue with their generosity. He will share that there has been an increase in generosity among the parishioners over the past year which has allowed for all of our bills to be paid on time and additional needs to be taken care of outside of the Capital Campaign (windows in the parish office and additional confessionals). Also we have been able to maintain a three month operating reserve for emergency repairs.
2. **Cluster Meeting:** With respect to the cold weather shelter project at St. Paul's Church, Sr. Lorraine will be the OLPH contact. She will reach out to Gloria Bare at St. Paul's to get information about the number of volunteers that they would like from OLPH. Father would like to begin by asking St. Vincent De Paul and the Pastoral Council to help. If Sr. Lorraine finds that they need a larger group, then we will expand beyond those two groups. We don't want to take over their ministry, we just want to assist them so that they may be able to offer the shelter for two weeks next year instead of one.

Fall Call Review: Calls are still being made to parishioners. Laura gave a list of additional events to discuss with the remaining parishioners which include the following:

Dec 18th at 7:00 – lighting of the parish Christmas tree
January 6th – Friday night dinner
December 11th – 8:00 – 12:00 - Breakfast with Santa
December 11th – 1:00 - John Paul II Hiking Club
December 12th – 7:00 - Regional advent reconciliation service at Resurrection
Beginning on January 12th - Thursday night bible study

Status of Badges: Art reported that there is little interest in name badges. It was agreed that we not have badges made at this time.

Status of Poster: Clem prepared an 8 ½ x 11" sample poster for review by the Council members. He requested that if anyone would like to substitute a different picture they should send a clear, good quality picture to him by the end of the month.

Status of Roster: Maureen sent out the roster by e-mail to all P.C. members and reported that editions have been made and the roster is now complete and correct.

Pastoral Council Sub-Committees:

The Council broke into small groups as follows:

Communications: Lisa, Barb, Karen, Rachel and Art

Buildings and Maintenance: Pete, Clem, Chuck and Tom

Evangelization: Laura, Jennifer, Maureen and Kathy

Next Meeting: The December meeting will take place at Laura's house on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. She will e-mail directions to the group.

Closing Prayer: Father John offered the closing prayer.