

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastoral Council Minutes
January 6, 2010**

Present: Father Arnold, Father McLean, Lisa Sliker, Art Minadeo, Adam Novotny, Laura Randazzo, Bernie O'Neill and Barb Smith

Absent: Chuck Steele, Crissy Reid, Bill Sharp and Jackie Pellegrino

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was offered by Father Arnold

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the prior meeting of November 3, 2009 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

1. **Office staff changes:** The parish has hired a new secretary, Melissa Stevens. Also Lisa Sliker has volunteered her services on a part-time basis. She will be addressing office structure issues to serve the needs of the parish better.
2. **Land sale update:** Father Arnold shared information from his meeting with the developer regarding the sale of the 7+ acres of land. He stated that he was told that the original contract with the developer for \$2.1M was not binding. The developer has recently withdrawn their original offer and has made another offer that is unacceptable. The Archdiocese has been trying to find another developer interested in purchasing the problem to no avail.

Father Arnold also stated that we are presently \$700,000.00 short of our campaign goal in addition to the \$2.1M for the cancelled land deal. He is preparing to speak to the congregation on the weekend of the 16th and 17th. After that, he will schedule a town hall meeting later that week. Father stated that he has spoken with Bishop Rozanski about the severity of our financial situation. Bishop Rozanski will share this information with Archbishop O'Brien.

Status Reports:

1. **Parish Census/Master E-mail Address List:** Tabled until next meeting because of lack of attendance; however, Lisa stated that the team is in the process of consolidating the three existing databases into one.
2. **Hospitality Committee Guidelines:** Lisa met with a few other parishes to discuss their hospitality committee guidelines and prepared the attached organizational chart from the information that she received. She stated that we are in need of a person to serve as the Hospitality Committee coordinator. Laura spoke with Lisa after the meeting and stated that she thought that

Christine Fontana would be perfect for the position. Laura agreed to speak with Christine and get back to Lisa.

Action Items:

- 1. Adoption of Mission Statement:** Deferred until February meeting for lack of attendance.
- 2. Meeting with “major” Ministries Concerning Parish Roundtable:** Tabled until February meeting.
- 3. Reception for Pastor of OLPH Sister-parish in Haiti:** Father Arnold asked the Council to organize a reception for Father Murat, Pastor of Our Lady of the Nativity. He said that Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, the Director of the Missions Office for the Archdiocese has also been invited. If Dr. Mortel attends, there may be a short presentation. Father stated that Jackie has agreed to help to organize the event. He'd like to have a light fare, possibly finger sandwiches and salads. Barb will contact Jackie and discuss preparation of sign up sheets to be placed in the Narthex for food preparation and contacting the Knights and the Catholic Daughters for their help.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Nomination process:** Postpone discussion until February meeting.

Closing Prayer: The closing prayer was given by Father McLean.