

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
June 2, 2009**

**Present:** Father Arnold, Fr. Larry, James Hunter, Art Minadeo, Bill Sharp, Bernie O'Neill, Crissy Reid, Jackie Pellegrino, Judy DeCraene, Chuck Steele, Adam Novotny and Barb Smith

**Absent:** Lisa Sliker and Bill Glover

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was given by Fr. Arnold

**Welcome to New Council Members:** The committee welcomed and thanked our new and returning members, Laura Randazzo and Barb Smith, respectively. Father Arnold is still considering who to appoint to the final position.

**Farewell to Outgoing Council Members:** The board acknowledged its appreciation of our departing members, James Hunter and Bill Glover, and their contributions to the Council.

**Status Reports Addendums:**

1. **Finance Committee:** Chuck handed out and explained the "State of Operations" from July, 2008 to April, 2009.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **St. Vincent De Paul Society:** John Vaccarino attended the meeting to report on the activities of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Fr. Arnold stated that they are one of the most active ministries in the parish. Their activities include:
  - a. Bundle Sundays
  - b. Camp St. Vincent – the sponsoring of 10 inner city children
  - c. Sarah's Hope – a shelter for homeless women and children. The Society prepares welcome kits for the new families coming into the shelter.
  - d. Blood drives – would like to start having quarterly blood drives. A few of their members are retired nurses who are willing to help.
  - e. Thanksgiving "Families Helping Families" drive
  - f. Christmas food boxes for the poor
  - g. Management of OLPH food pantry

John asked the Council to help with the next blood drive. Art suggested that Lori Merl from our Health Ministry be contacted. John stated that the Council's involvement would include clearing time in the gym on a Saturday or Sunday and providing food for all those helping with the blood drive.

2. **Parish Capital Campaign:** Crissy provided an update stating that 480 pledges have been made to date totaling \$2.7M. The advocates are still following up with parishioners who were previously unreachable.
3. **Welcome Breakfast:** Barb stated that she and Lisa sent out 160 invitations to the breakfast but that a very small percentage attended; about 20 families. Those attending were very positive and very happy to be parishioners. There were also a few attending that had not yet

registered but were planning to do so in the near future. The Knights provided pancakes, bacon, sausage, etc.

4. **Ministry Fair:** Art reported that 24 ministries participated, many of which set up elaborate tables. The attendance was poor. However, some of the ministries benefited with volunteer sign ups; the music ministry had 11, the money counters had 6 adult and 2 teenage volunteers and The Catholic Daughters had 4. Art relayed that Kirill did an excellent job with set up. The Council will be exploring other alternatives for next year.
5. **Parish Picnic:** Crissy reported that she has met with Jackie and Barb to organize the picnic which is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 mass. At the recommendation of Kristin, there will not be a movie because it will have to start after dark, going too late into the evening on a school night. Crissy stated that Roch Kallmyer has agreed to organize the games again this year, which will include kickball on the field. He will need help running the games. Also help is needed with set up at 4:00 and clean up after the event. So far, 115 adults and 62 children have signed up to attend.
6. **Finance Committee:** Chuck distributed the “OLPH Ten Year Capital Plan” which was developed by a group led by Pat McHugh. The bottom line is that \$1,300,000.00 worth of improvements will be needed over the next 10 years.
7. **Faith Direct:** Art reported that only 80 families have enrolled thus far. Fr. Arnold stated that his plan is to do an evaluation after one year to see if we are benefiting from this program. Art relayed that one complaint that he has received is that all withdrawals are made once a month. Many participants would like bi-monthly withdrawals instead.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

1. **June 7<sup>th</sup> - Father Arnold's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination:** Plans are continuing to be made by various parishioners.
2. **June 14<sup>th</sup> – Parish Picnic:** See notation above under Agenda Items.
3. **June 28<sup>th</sup> - Farewell Mass (11:00) for Father Larry and Reception:** Crissy, Jackie, Barb, Chuck and Bernie volunteered to help with the planning.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Knights of Columbus Breakfasts and Donuts next year:** Barb stated that she spoke with the Knights, specifically Pat O'Brien and Scott O'Leary, who advised that the Knights would like to be more involved in parish activities. Pat would like to have a pancake breakfast every other month and provide donuts after 9:00 mass once a month. However, they are not able to provide the funding.

**Election of 2009-2010 Pastoral Council Officer Elections:** The following officers were elected:

Chair – Chuck Steele  
Co-Chair – Crissy Reid  
Recording Secretary – Barb Smith  
Corresponding Secretary – Jackie Pellegrino

**Pastor Ponderances:**

**1. Effects of Father Larry's Transfer:** Father Arnold expressed the need to line up help for the weekend masses. He would like to find someone on a regular basis instead of a different priest for every mass. He also stated that we will have to scale down to one mass per day during the week. Chuck suggested that we have a meeting in mid summer to keep in touch with Father Arnold on this issue.

**Closing Prayer:** The closing prayer was given by Father Larry.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 p.m.