

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**March 2, 2010**

**Present:** Father Arnold, Art Minadeo, Laura Randazzo, Adam Novotny, Crissy Reid, Jackie Pellegrino and Lisa Sliker.

**Absent:** Father McLean, Chuck Steele, Bill Sharp, Barb Smith and Bernie O'Neill

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

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes for the February 2, 2010 meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

1. **Land sale update:** Father stated that after his announcement in church about the failed land sale deal, there were several inquiries from parishioners who have connections with developers. The inquiries have been passed on to the Archdiocese. Father shared that the Archdiocese has talked to several possible buyers; however access to the land is still a problem.
2. **Parish Debt:** After Father's meeting with the Archdiocese in January, they proposed a monthly payment plan. Father feels the payment is unrealistic for the parish. He has responded with an offer to pay \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a month toward the loan. To date, he has not heard back from the Archdiocese.

The offertory collection still remains low. Father has discussed ways to cut the budget with the Finance Committee and the staff. Parishioners have said that we should do fundraising to earn extra money to pay down the loan. Larry Schuberth has suggested a once a month family dinner night. Father would like to pursue this suggestion.

3. **Staff Update:** Melvin Martin remains sick and unable to work. He is now on short term disability. Father will be searching for someone to replace Melvin temporarily until he is well enough to return.

**Status Reports:**

1. **Parish Census/Master Email Address List:** Crissy reported that she and Lisa met with the Archdiocese staff last week. They are in the process of merging information. Their hope is to present parishioners with a letter containing their passwords on the weekends of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Parishioners can then update their information on line. Father stated that it is mandatory for all council members to help with the distribution process so that the update will be a success. Crissy passed

around a sign up sheet so that council could sign up to help on the two weekends stated.

Crissy will be meeting with Evelyn Henderson this Thursday to discuss advertising to the parish for the updating of the census. She invited anyone who would be interested in helping with advertising to come to the meeting. You can call her for address of meeting place.

Crissy and Lisa will also need help with stuffing envelopes, printing letters and putting the letters in alphabetical order.

2. **Parish Roundtable:** Since Bill Sharp and Chuck Steele were absent, discussion was tabled until next month.

#### **Action Items:**

1. **Parish Mission Statement:** Since we were going to present the Mission Statement at the roundtable which has been postponed, Father would like to put the Mission Statement in the bulletin and present it for first time Easter weekend.
2. **Nomination Committee:** Lisa, Barb and Laura have volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee. The Council discussed that we will have 6 or 7 open spots. Several names were recommended as good candidates. The Nomination Committee will contact the possible candidates to see if they have interest in running. The weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> was suggested for the election. Crissy will check the May calendar.

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Upcoming visit by Bishop Rozanski:** The March 3<sup>rd</sup> visit has been rescheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Rozanski will meet with the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council from 7:30 to 8:30.

2. **Parish Picnic:** The Council agreed to continue with the annual Parish Picnic. Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 mass was suggested as the picnic date and time.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Arnold offered the closing prayer.

