

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastoral Council Minutes
November 4, 2008**

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

Absent/Excused: Barb Smith

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

Status Reports Addendum:

Status reports were previously emailed to all Council members and the following comments/questions were made/asked:

1. Haiti Gala

Bill reminded us of our commitment to provide a basket of cheer for the auction at the Gala. Council member were asked to drop off contributions to Bill's house by Thursday or Friday (11/6 or 11/7).

2. Angel Sports

Bill questioned if there is anyone in the parish who oversees the financial statements of Angel Sports. At their last coaches meeting the money they reported to have seemed a lot less then they reported to the council last year. Father Arnold stated that our accountant John Watts is supposed to get a copy of their statements and he will check with him to see if he is still getting them.

Father Arnold also mentioned that Angel Sports is continuing to receive the same amount of time this year as they did last for basketball. As mentioned in the status report, additional time was requested for Sunday usage of the gym which the parish declined because of Sunday commitments of the parish to fellowship events and youth functions related to the possible addition of the 5:00 Sunday evening Mass.

Status Reports:

1. Parish Capital Campaign: Crissy Reid reported the advanced group and special group advocates have been trained and are meeting with parishioners. We continue to need additional advocates and there was a request to council members to step forward to be advocates if they are not already doing so. So far there have been 20 pledges for about \$330,000. The members of the council were also asked to get back to Father Arnold on their own pledge if they haven't done so already. Art asked if the interest payment is coming out of the campaign funds or the operating budget. Father Arnold stated that this payment was coming out of the operating budget but will now be made from the capital campaign funds.
2. Mass Times Discussion: James reported that he gave Fr. Arnold some wording for the bulletin to give the parish an update on the topic. They have also discussed the best time for the parish to make the change. James offered to lead a transition team for the change and Judy, Adam, Jackie and Bernie volunteered to be on the team. They will look at all the transition issue including communications to the parish and the community.
3. St. Veronica-OLPH Parish Partnership Celebration: Scheduled for 11/22 at OLPH. There will be a bulletin and pulpit announcement the weekend of 11/8-9. Bill Sharp will provide Father Arnold with the wording. Sign up sheets will be available in the back of church after Masses the weekend of 11/8-9 and 11/15-16. The plan is for the parish to provide the main course and drinks and the parishioners to provide side dishes and desserts. The Knights of Columbus have volunteered 3 people to help with set up on 11/22. James, Bill Sharp, Judy, Lisa and Crissy are assisting with planning this event.

New Business - None**Open Forum**

1. Bernie volunteered to participate on the maintenance committee. Lisa will provide him with the contacts.

Pastoral Ponderances:

1. Father Arnold reported that there is a small contingent of six parishioners attending the Haiti Gala this year. He received information from Deacon Martel from our sister parish in Haiti on how our contributions are being used. Two of the ways are to pay teacher salaries and to fund meals for their children.
2. Father Arnold also reported that we are moving forward in implementing EFT using Faith Direct. He hopes to offer this in the beginning of December.
2. Father Arnold had a discussion with the council on the events surrounding Monsignor Smith's death and the affect on the parish. He is amazed at how much hurt is still there. He would like to keep the discussion going and give parishioners a chance to talk but not sure how to do this. There was a lot of discussion of the issue but mostly the council members offered their support for both Father Arnold and Father Larry and asked them to just keep listening.

Next Meeting: Father Arnold will get dates to James on his availability for our December meeting and James will get back to all of us.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Larry provided the closing prayer.