

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastoral Council Minutes
June 5, 2007

Present: Bishop Malooly, Father Larry, Bill Glover, Terry Farrell, Anne Shugars, Will Potter, James Hunter, Barbara Smith, Jane Ward, Roch Kallmyer, Judy Gruel, Terry Horan, Sara Hunter, Jackie Pelligrino, Chuck Steele, Art Minadeo and Crissy Reid
Absent/Excused: Sister Lorraine, Ellen McAdams, Lizann Prosser and Kristen Fisher.
Guest: Nancy Malloy & Dave Hartmann

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Bishop Malooly.

Minutes: The Pastoral Council Meeting minutes for April were reviewed and approved.

Pastoral Selection Process Update

Bishop Malooly expects to have a letter in this weekend's bulletin announcing our new Pastor. He will make the announcement this Friday to Parish staff. The new pastor will likely arrive sometime in July with an Installation Mass in August or September.

Pastoral Administrator Ponderances

- Bishop Malooly has decided to wait to meet with our new pastor before finalizing this year's parish budget.
- He recommended that the Council work on forming two Committees; one for Parish finances and one for a review of Parish buildings and properties.
- He asked for prayers for Lynn and her son.
- Bishop Malooly was quite pleased with the parish's support with Mark Wilkens' funeral.

Pastoral Elections

Roch thanked members of the Elections Committee for their help in the election process. Newly elected members; Art Minadeo, Jackie Pelligrino, Chuck Steele and Crissy Reid (a returning member) were welcomed to the Council.

Bishop Malooly and Bill thanked the "end of term" Council Members, Sarah Hunter and Jane Ward for their dedication and service during their terms.

School Board Fundraising Discussion

Nancy Malloy and Dave Hartman discussed proposed changes to the School Board's Fundraising Objectives (see attachment). Specifically, the Board would like the Fall Festival to be transitioned to a Parish Community event, as it was in the past, versus a School event. The Board is also hoping to create an improved Bull Roast event to be held on OLPH Parish grounds.

The Council will commit to joining in partnership with the School Board in helping with the Fall Festival provided the Board provides a chair for the event.

Review of Parish Activities:

Parish Consultation (May 9th): The Consultation ran very smoothly with over 100 parishioners attending.

Parish Campaign Update:

Bill gave Council members an update on the status of the Campaign. The parish has received 175 pledges to date totaling \$1,193,314, of which about \$338,000 has already been received. Campaign materials are being updated and will be ready in the next few weeks.

Parish Picnic (June 10th): Crissy will be posting sign-up sheets for the picnic in the back of the church. Jane, Barb and Anne are helping her with the event.

Holy Works Fair: is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Sept 8th and 9th. Anne, Will and Crissy are chairing the event.

Mark Mallet Concert: Mark Mallet will perform in our church on July 1st at 7:00pm. We will be paying him \$900 and he will be to take up a collection and to sell his CDs.

Other Parish Initiatives:

- **Religious Education:** Judy announced that she and Lizann had decided to stop providing tuition exemptions to catechists' children enrolled in our Religious Education. She had initially received some negative feedback regarding this decision. She explained to those concerned that the decision to discontinue the exemption was do to Parish budget concerns. This new policy will result in a savings of \$8,000. Many catechists are returning to teach in the fall.

Judy also mentioned that the Home study program is being changed to encourage participants to have a greater parish connection.

- **Youth Ministry:** Lizann will be leaving OLPH this summer to do her “husband to be’s “ job. A replacement for her position is being sought.
- **Facilities and Properties:** Playground improvements are being looked into and will be paid for with funds from the Jacob Stork Memorial.

Open Forum:

- Judy received an irate email from a concerned parent about additional abuse allegations. Bishop Malooly said he would address the matter

Prayer: Father Larry offered the closing prayer.

Next Meeting is the Pastoral Council Retreat on September 4th.

Have a great summer!