

OLM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
13 December 2010

PRESENT:

Father Hugh Fullmer
Marty Kadziela
Bettye Abbott

Luchie Saraceni
Bill Holbrook
Jennifer Bartos

Tom Brady
Gary Breuer

ABSENT:

Jeff Leroy Gladdys Vijayan Madeline Zehnal Monica Baier

Marty Kadziela, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 with an **Opening Prayer** by Father Hugh.

There was an Open Discussion regarding Planning Meetings for Forward Together: Vision 2013. Tom Brady stated *Devotion and Mass* went well. Only 2/10 members from *Devotion* attended. *Mass* had a good turnout. Larry Harris and Phyllis Anderson, from Worship Commission, were present. *Devotion* completed assignment. Discussions went well. *Mass* has also completed their project. Luchie Saraceni stated only Jim showed up from Service Commission. She will have one-on-one discussions with Service. Most of the Administration Commission attended the Communications meeting. Marty said Communications' wish has kind of an umbrella effect. Communications will tie everything together. Communications' Team and Administration Commission members were divided into 3 groups to work on sub-goals: 1) Make sure all know who/what Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) Parish is/does. 2) Use technology to communicate better and 3) Help make OLM a warm, welcoming environment. Assignments will be sent to John Blumberg by January 7th.

Dinner Dance Update: The committee met 2 weeks ago. The Dinner Dance will take place March 12, 2011, at White Eagle. Tickets will cost \$40 per person; no discounts for couples. Ticket will include cocktail, dinner and raffle ticket (12-14 different items.) Committee members will contact past advertisers in programs and ask them to sponsor hors d'oeuvres for the evening. Themes will be given to each book. People can buy items from baskets. Discussion on how to implement will be discussed at next meeting (December 21st). Sign will be posted after first of year.

Commission Reports:

- **Finance/Administration – Gary Breuer:** The Commission met November 17th. Tile and carpet work have been completed in sanctuary. Refinanced loans for Parish Life Center Building; \$8,000 interest saved. Bell will be repaired. Roof repairs. There are pesky leaks. They will try and identify in the spring. Pads in the pews will be cleaned in the future.
- **Worship – Bill Holbrook:** The Commission has not met since our last meeting.
- **Faith Formation – Bettye Abbott:** The Commission met November 15th. Two new members were introduced and welcomed: Mary K. Golec and Maureen Drone. Mary K. Golec took minutes and was selected as Commission's Facilitator effective with the next meeting, February 3, 2011. Ministry reports followed:
 - Confirmation: More parent and children support are needed.
 - Catholicism 201: Bettye Abbott reported 5 people attended this class. The program will continue to be offered. The ministry will possibly consider linking it to Confirmation classes to get more people to attend.

- Ten Great Dates: Debbi and Matt Bowman will host Ten Great Dates on December 4th and January 15, 2011.
- Parish Council: The report included information regarding “Helping our Neighbors in Need”, Leadership Summit, Dinner Dance, Commission Reports, Youth and High School Engagement, and Items from the Floor. The minutes were handed out by Dave Miserendino and are posted on OLM website.
- Wish Fulfillment Team: The object of the Wish Fulfillment Team is to communicate with parishioners by articles in the bulletin, announcements after mass, and provide opportunities for parishioners to share their ideas. Dave Miserendino gave an overview of the Youth Wish – “Teens have a Sense of Belonging and Feeling Needed.” Ideas were explored at the Leadership Summit and a follow-up meeting is planned before Christmas. Dave will set up a possible date using doodle board. The teen summit will ask teens what they want and expect from the church. Lisa Gaertner will represent our commission at the November 28th Hospitality meeting. Father Hugh thanked the commission and encouraged them to continue their hard work. The next meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Service – Luchie Saraceni: No Report**

Teen Report – Tom Brady: He’s teaching Confirmation. Teens’ Mass is Sunday, December 19, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. LIGHT (Living In God’s Holy Truth) has had 2 meetings. It is moving along pretty well now and is driven by Youth. Teens Fish Fry will occur at the April Family Feast. Peer Ministry Team – 35 children now and is the largest group yet.

Communication to Parish Discussion – Marty: Marty stated he would like to have an article in the Bulletin giving an overview of the Parish Council (PC), so parishioners will know who we are, PC purpose, etc. He asked for assistance. Bill Holbrook and Bettye Abbott volunteered.

Friday Family Feasts – Marty: Meeting is scheduled next Monday, December 20th.

- **January** – Movie Night
- **February** – German Night
- **March** – Tom and Marty discussed soup and sandwich night every Friday during Lent. They discussed with Dave Miserendino. Dave did not think he could find teens to do it. Marty asked Luchie if Service Commission would be interested. It will be Free Will Offering. Pre Station of Cross and Post Station of Cross. They will discuss with Janice Cain.
- **April** – Teen Fish Fry.

Items from the floor: Tom Brady said the website needs to be updated. Luchie stated there is a lack of volunteers at the 12:30 Mass. It was related that Teens can get service points for ushering at Mass. This lack will be discussed with Dave Miserendino and Worship Commission.

Father Hugh shared a Christmas Story with members. **The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.**

Next meeting is Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m., in Room 109.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bettye S. Abbott

Recorder

