

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastoral Council Minutes
“Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:12)
Thursday February 12, 2009

Opening Prayer: Carrie Everhart

Roll Call: Fr. Eric, Todd Popson, Phil Cade, Ann Marie Camarata, Carrie Everhart, Bob Kleehamer, and Van Willis. Donald Ball joined the Pastoral Council meeting

Absent/Excused: Peggy Osborne, Terry Horton, Beth Duffy-Dries, Tom Yost and Mark Bliss

Approval of Minutes: Phil Cade motioned to accept the January minutes, Van Willis second, all were in favor and minutes were approved.

Baptismal Font/Narthex Renovation – Donald Ball (Designer/Builder) who works for Lockett & Farley gave us an update on the baptismal font/Narthex renovations. Ray Day designed our baptismal font. Donald passed around the designs for the font and Narthex area renovations and went over each detail with us. For the baptismal font we will need to add a column and steel work to support the font in the church basement. The controls, pump, filters will be in the mechanical room in the basement. The water will have an automatic level control which will be in use all the time except during baptisms (we will need to turn the control off – as the sump fills and empties we don’t want it responding to try to make up water).

OLD BUSINESS

St. Paul Year Ad-hoc Committee – Fr. Eric had nothing new to report.

Capital Campaign – Master Plan Progress – Fr. Eric did not receive a new financial update. He told us the skylights came in a little cheaper than the contracted price of 19,875.00. We did save about \$3600.00.

Financial Report – Bob Kleehamer gave the Financial Report. See attached report. January’s monthly collection was \$67,926.76 and Year to Date is \$576,114.35. Bob informed us the Financial Committee will be working on the budget soon.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Fr. Eric sent out letters to people heading the different ministries under the Christian Service Group. Fr. Eric, Todd and Phil are making follow-up calls with them. They would like to have a meeting with the leaders and other participants from these groups on Saturday, April 18th, explaining what a commission does in Christian Service – try to get some ideas on moving forward. Fr. Eric will give us an update at the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of new Pastoral Council members in May 2009 – Todd Popson, Phil Cade and Ann Marie Camarata would like to stay on the council for another term. (coming off their first term). Peggy Osborne is also coming off her first term and since she was not at the meeting, Todd will call Peggy to see if she would like another term on the council. Elections will not take place if all choose to stay for another term. Todd will also ask Beth to take the May minutes since Ann Marie will be in Texas.

Katelyn Walker, our Director of Music, has been looking into getting a new electronic keyboard for our choir area. Our old key board is dying, it is about sixteen years old and not in good shape. Fr. Eric told us a parishioner may be donating money for a new key board.

Our seminarians have arrived at OLPH. Patrick Gallagher from the Diocese of Memphis, IN will be working at our parish for 18 months. He will be helping with Confirmation preparation, Faith First on Wednesday evenings and in our school on Wednesday afternoons. After he is ordained a Deacon in the fall he will be preaching at mass once a month (November till April 2010). Patrick will also participate in the youth famine coming up the end of this month.

Yesterday our four first year philosophy students were here for the first time. One is from the Indianapolis Archdiocese, one from the Diocese of Lafayette, IN, one from the Green Bay, Wisconsin and the other from a Benedictine Monastery in New Mexico – Christ in the Desert Monastery. They will be here through the end of March (primarily on Wednesdays) to observe our parish & school. Fr. Eric asked them what their interests were – one was interested in liturgy and finance. All four will be interviewing all the members of our parish staff – just to see what the staff members do.

Vocations – “Called by Name” program we did in January: We have sent in twenty names of High School age and older. All who were nominated are invited by the Archbishop to a dinner with him. There will be four dinners, two will be held in Indianapolis and two here at our parish in Wagner Hall with the Archbishop (two for men & two for women). Our dinners here will be catered – all we have to do host. The dinners will be on April 21st and April 27th. This is an honor for us to participate in this program.

The Sunday the week after the ice storms Fr. Eric went back to his house (after the 11:00am mass) and there he saw an answering machine message from Archbishop Daniel. He was calling to check in with us and let us know we were in his thoughts and prayers. Fr Eric sent the Archbishop an e-mail thanking him for his call and concern. Fr. Eric took pictures around the area and sent them to the Archbishop.

We are going to be getting another statue. The children of Louis & Ozetta Kaiser have purchased a statue of St. Anthony in memory of their parents. We would like to put it on one of the outside walls of our school.

The parish staff retreat was great!!

Todd Popson complemented Fr. Eric on his homely at all the masses on the Free of Choice Act.

Fr. Eric told us to enjoy our two months off during Lent (no meetings will be held during Lent).

Next Meeting: May 14, 2009

Closing Prayer: Carrie Everhart

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Camarata, Secretary