

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2010
OLOP HARAN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Perrine at 7 PM. Twenty-seven people were present, including Board members President **Jim Perrine**, 2nd Vice President **Ron Burns**, Secretary **Connie Wright**, and Treasurer **Paul Christopoulos**. First Vice President **Joe Bertao** was absent.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded (T. Asbury – J. Alimonti) to approve the minutes of the January 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christopoulos read his Treasurer's report for January 2010. Complete report on file.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT

Secretary Wright referred to three outgoing thank-you letters to individuals who made financial donations to the OLOP Society for the recent funerals of Bob Rank and Ron Outland. She also read a sympathy acknowledgment card received from Pat Jankowski and two recent emails received from Fr. Harry Slowey in Kenya and Fr. Alfie Africa in the Philippines. Fr. Alfie sent prayerful thanks for recent financial donations he received from the parish/diocese to assist victims of the Typhoon Ondoy. He sent photos of lay volunteers distributing several weeks' worth of "basic needs" that were purchased with the funds. Four families who were hit the hardest in a nearby parish were the recipients.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

No report; Father Tom was not present. Deacon Jaime Garcia offered a Blessing of the Throats, in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Perrine briefly introduced the following committee and ministry reports.

COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY REPORTS

Liturgy. Viki Routt reported the following, discussed at the Liturgy Committee meeting held on January 14:

- There is a need for additional altar servers, ushers, and sacristans at St. Patrick. OLOP and St. Bernard are not in need of ushers and sacristans at this time.
- Scout Sunday is February 7; it will be observed at OLOP. All Scouts, past and present, are invited to wear their uniforms to Mass.
- Lenten Soup Suppers – Parish organizations will be asked to sponsor the suppers; so far, one is scheduled at OLOP.
- Easter mailing – There will be no special mailing this year, but there will be special collection envelopes in the churches. Bulletin inserts will be provided for the Lenten season and Easter.
- Palms – African palms will be used for distribution, palm fronds for the services.

- Ash Wednesday schedule: At OLOP, Mass and ashes at 9:30 AM with Fr. Tom. Liturgy of the Word and ashes with Deacon Jaime at 6:30 PM. NO MASS ON THE PRECEDING TUESDAY (February 16).
- Stations of the Cross – There will be a schedule of presiders, both lay and ordained. At OLOP, Stations will be at 5:30 PM each Friday of Lent. There will be Benediction when a priest presides.
- Living Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 26, at OLOP. Will also be reenacted at Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart this year.
- Penance Service and Confessions – Penance Service will be Wednesday, March 10, 7 PM, probably at St. Patrick. This will be a countywide service, followed by opportunity for individual confessions. There will be additional times for confession at the churches; dates still to be determined.
- Lent – Music and environment will be similar to years past. No opening or closing hymn on Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent, but appropriate hymns or instrumentals will be used on following Sundays.
- Triduum – Countywide; location to be determined. Two possibilities are St. Sava Mission and the Italian Benevolent Society Hall.
- Passion Gospel – Music ministers will meet to discuss whether or not to perform the Passion Gospel on Good Friday.
- Next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 7 PM at St. Patrick Hall. This will be a combined meeting of the six churches, devoted to Triduum planning.

Also discussed: (1) Viki to inquire if palms from last year will be collected for burning into future Ash Wednesday ashes. (2) Father Tom recently announced that there will now be 9:30 Mass every Tuesday at OLOP; at St. Patrick, the Tuesday after the first Sunday is still a “no Mass” day.

Faith Formation. Joan Nikolai reported the following:

- Project Birthday Bags – This has been a successful ongoing project, recently providing 22 “birthday bags” to the Interfaith Food Bank. The bags are prepared by the children and their families of the OLOP Faith Formation class and contain items to help create a birthday celebration for children (e.g., cake mix, frosting, candles, etc.). Donations are welcome from anyone; there is a box in Haran Hall with designated “boy bags” and “girl bags.”
- Youth Retreat scheduled for February 14-15 in Haran Hall has been canceled.
- Adult Formation – (1) Six people are participating in the Bible Study at OLOP on Tuesdays at 1 PM. (2) The next topic in the “Echoes of Faith” series is *Introduction to Scripture*. Scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 9 AM – 4 PM at St. Patrick Hall. Registration is necessary.
- Lenten Prayer – A Lenten afternoon of reflection will be held on Sunday, March 7, from 1-4 PM at St. Patrick Hall. Registration is necessary.
- Bake Sale – The catechists are holding Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale in Haran Hall on February 7 after Mass. Proceeds will help defray the cost of five catechists attending the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress in March. Thanks to the “bakers” who are providing the sweets and savories. The bake sale items will be in the front of the hall; Hospitality Sunday donuts will be in the middle bay of the hall.

Sunshine. Joanne Fitzpatrick sent fifteen sunshine and condolence cards, made four phone calls, and arranged for two Masses to be said for deceased relatives of parishioners. Complete report on file. Camille Sereni expressed sincere gratitude to Joanne; the sunshine cards Joanne sends to Camille’s husband always seem to arrive “just at the right time.”

Maintenance. In Joe Bertao's absence, Jim Perrine reported that recent maintenance activity included the painting of the new baseboards in the hall bathrooms.

Social. Joan Alimonti reported that upcoming events include the Ministry Faire, the Respect Life Tea, and the Rummage Sale. Detailed reports follow below. Joan will be out of town for the next two meetings, but Thelma Asbury is her Social Chair backup.

NEW BUSINESS

Ministry Faire. Blanche Rueda reported that 23 out of 25 representatives showed up for the recent Ministry Faire planning meeting. She is asking that, to help make the Faire a success, we all need to "talk up" our ministries to parishioners to promote interest. At the Faire, scheduled for Sunday, March 7, tables will be set up around the hall for the various ministries, and there will be tables in the center for the OLOP-specific things like the rummage sale and the OLOP Society.

Parishioner Assistance. As the Minister of Parishioner Assistance, it is important that Blanche Rueda be made aware of parishioners who are in need so that she can direct them to the proper person for assistance. To that end, she will post a bright yellow flyer with her name and phone number on bulletin boards inside and outside the church.

Respect Life Tea. Connie Wright reported that Carole Sooy and MaryAnn Evans have volunteered to chair this year's Respect Life Tea on May 1. They are in the process of assembling their committee, finding table hostesses, and selecting a beneficiary. As a member of the committee, Connie will report monthly on the progress at the OLOP meetings.

Rummage Sale. Judy Christopoulos reported that the annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 4-5-6. Camille Sereni has volunteered to co-chair the event. Based on feedback after last year's sale, several items were deemed important enough to warrant purchase for future sales. These items are: a printing calculator, five cash boxes with currency trays, another clothes hanging rack, and a canopy for the lunch area. Judy estimates the cost to be about \$485, and she requested an advance from the Society to purchase these items. Motion made and seconded (J. Nikolai - P. Fondale) to advance \$500 to Judy. Approved unanimously.

Golf Tournament. Phil Fondale spoke with Lee Cumpian and reported that Mace Meadow has been reserved for Saturday, August 14, for our annual Golf Tournament, with an 8:30 AM shotgun start. Lee has declined to chair the event this year, and Cindy Fondale has declined to oversee the kitchen for the barbecue. The golf pro at Mace Meadow will need to know by April 1 if we will actually have the tournament. Paul Christopoulos stated that this event is an important fundraiser for the OLOP Society; last year's proceeds were about \$3500. He would like to see a solid effort made to secure a chairman for the tournament. It was suggested that perhaps Lee could man a table at the upcoming Ministry Faire to promote the event and seek a chairman.

YMI Activities. (1) Phil Fondale reported that the YMI will conduct its second pancake breakfast in Haran Hall on Sunday, February 14, after Mass. Beverages will be served to attendees as they wait in line. Donations for the breakfast accepted. (2) The one currently scheduled Soup Supper will be hosted by the YMI on Friday, March 5, AFTER Stations of the Cross. There may be a second Soup Supper, date still to be determined. (3) Blanche Rueda thanked the YMI members for their assisting parishioners in maneuvering their way across the icy parking lot before a recent Sunday Mass.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Directories. Jim Powell inquired about the status of the pictorial directories. Connie Wright reported that they are currently in print production and are expected to arrive sometime in March. Art Wright reminded parishioners to take special note of the directory cover; it is a unique design that incorporates five of the “Hands” paintings by St. Patrick parishioner Molly Kohlschreiber.

CLOSING PRAYER

After the closing prayer by Deacon Jaime, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. ***Next meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 7 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wright
Secretary