

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 4, 2012  
OLOP HARAN HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER.** 6:48 PM by President Ron Burns. 27 people present, including: President Burns, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Joe Bertao, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Connie Wright, Secretary Barbara Garcia, and Treasurer Paul Christopoulos.

**OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Opening prayer/reflection led by Fr. Roland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Motion made by S. Bertao and seconded W. Pearce to approve the minutes of the December 2011 meeting. Motion approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Treasurer Christopoulos reviewed the December 2011 report. Complete Treasurer's report on file.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.** Secretary Garcia reported 4 various thank you notes from parishioners. Amador Pregnancy Center requested that we join in the National Campaign to observe the *Sanctity of Life Sunday* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of January, with an announcement at mass and a note in the bulletin. President Burns will pass this information along to administration.

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS.** Fr. Roland noted today's Gospel reading was regarding John the Baptist.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.** Ron reported Charlene Rasmussen has accepted the assignment of scheduling for Haran Hall along with calendar updates. W. Pearce will pass along the calendar program to her.

**COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS**

**Liturgy (Viki Routt)** ♦ No meeting last month. ♦ Next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 12th, at 5 PM, at the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center.

**Faith Formation (Joan Nikolai)** – no report.

**Sunshine (Joanne Fitzpatrick)** – Joanne reported that 16 greeting cards were sent out to parishioners and their families. 2 Mass requests were also made for Carl Reynolds and John Van Diepen.

**Maintenance (Joe Bertao)** – The men's urinal of the Church hall was repaired and the back door lock was tightened and adjusted.

**Social (Joan Alimonti)** ▲ Joan discussed possible dates for the St. Patrick's Day dinner. W. Pearce motioned to set the date tentatively for March 10, pending approval from Fr. Larry. T. Asbury seconded the motion. T. Asbury will chair the dinner. ▲ This year's Rummage Sale will need a new chairperson(s). Books and reports from previous years have been established and step-by-step process is easy to follow. We will post the ad to request and announce at appropriate venues. ▲ The December Bake Sale at the children's performance netted \$136.75. ▲ A. Pearce mentioned that she purchased sweet potato pies and tarts for a fundraiser for children in Kenya from Marjorie Craig. She said they were delicious and hopes to advertise more next year. ▲ Connie wondered if we would want to do a bake sale for Valentine's Day. Anyone interested in chairing an event like this?

**Pastoral Council (Ed Justi)** No meeting to report. Next meeting is tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lenten Soup Suppers** – C. Wright announced it is time to organize Soup Suppers. The first one would be on Friday, February 24, after the Stations of the Cross Service in Haran Hall. Last year there were 3 soup suppers with various people taking the lead and she hopes we can host 3 again this year.

**Holy Water Dispenser** – A. Wright wondered if it would be possible to have a Holy Water Dispenser available in our vestibule. The one in the sacristy is concealed and out-of-reach. Art will check into various types, sizes, and cost and report back next month.

**30 year anniversary – OLOP** - Deacon Garcia noticed that OLOP's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary will occur this October. We should think of a way to celebrate this event.

**Piano** – A. Pearce mentioned that the Church piano is in need of tuning. Estimated cost is around \$120.00. Paul will double check who would be responsible for the cost. Vikki thought it was a Parish cost. ▲ A. Pearce also mentioned there has been a planning group established for

the new Parish Vigil Mass to be held weekly at St. Katharine's Center. The OLOP choir would volunteer to sing at 2 of these masses every year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**OLOP Stage** – C. Wright announced that St. K.D. still has parts of our stage in use. St. K.D. has said that they plan to build their own. Volunteers were found to transport stage back to its home. ▲ **Book of the Gospel's** – C. Wright quoted the price for the Book of the Gospel's varied from \$69.00-\$128.00. It was difficult to tell the quality of the book for the price. A. Pearce and Margaret Mc Laughlin said they would purchase this. Barbara and Deacon Jaime said they would check out the various versions at the upcoming Religious Education Congress and get the best price possible for a beautiful version.

**Scholarship** – A. Wright said that the announcements for the scholarship will go out to St. Bernard's, St. Pat's and OLOP this Sunday. The info was also passed onto Marci Russell for ACT group. Info will also be posted on our website. The application must be mailed in and all apps will be sent to Barbara Garcia's home. Barbara will then keep the master copy and white out names of apps for the committee. Apps will be numbered and the decision will be based on service to church, community service and an essay based on "why is receiving of the Sacrament of the Eucharist important to me"?

### **OTHER**

It was also mentioned by J. Bertao that the extended platform for the choir has been approved and will be installed soon!

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Deacon Jaime led the closing prayer and reflection regarding St. Elizabeth Seton. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. **Next meeting: Wednesday, February 1, in Haran Hall. 6 PM potluck dinner, 7 PM meeting.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Garcia, Secretary*