



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

## Pastoral Council

**November 9, 2022**

Members Present:

President Father Danny Cogut	
Chair Al Scalera	Jeff Krajnik
Vice-Chair Max Stephenson	
Sec Susan Moore	
Jerry Ferguson	Paul Wyar

1. Father Danny opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of our September meeting were approved; there was no meeting in October.
2. OLD BUSINESS. Father reviewed and updated several pending items:
  - a. The parking lot light poles are up and trenches are being dug to supply the electrical needs for the lights. The timeframe is still uncertain, but progress continues.
  - b. The Diocese has filled the position of Director of Campus Ministries for Roanoke College, which has a couple hundred students identified as Catholic. Madelaine Wurtz has accepted the position and recently spoke at the Masses. We are currently busing students to OLPH for the 10:30 Mass.
3. NEW BUSINESS. Father presented several items for Council consideration:
  - a. Mike Getsi from our Finance Council will present an overview of our annual financial report at Masses before Thanksgiving. The annual reports, covering Jul 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, are still in draft at this time. Overall, we have a deficit of about \$50K which reflects a \$20K loss in investments. However our capital needs continue with new heating units for the church and commons pending. We have paid about \$5K down and owe another \$5K. Mike McGuire and Tom Hochkeppel are looking at the engineering challenges to remove the old unit. In the spring, we will need to replace the A/C unit. A future announcement will be placed in the bulletin detailing what our needs are.
  - b. Father also mentioned that offertory contributions are not meeting our regular parish expenses. Jan is exploring options with the e-giving to include items beyond the weekly donations such as Capital Investment and Haiti donations.
  - c. An after-affect of COVID has been a decrease in Mass attendance which has led us to consider ways in which we might increase the numbers of our parish. Father is considering a plenary session with the Pastoral and Finance councils and staff early next year – probably one couple hour session weekends

sometime between mid-January and the beginning of Lent. After Lent, we might also consider a 3-4 weekend timeframe for an increased offertory campaign discussion.

- d. Paul broached the subject of “Life in the Spirit” sessions; he will coordinate with Deacon John and then update Father Danny.
  - e. Al addressed the issue of elections. We have 3 members (Al, Max, and Robin) whose terms are expiring; due to COVID and the requirements in the Pastoral Council By-laws that limit individuals to no more than 6 years of continuous service, these 3 terms will only be for 2 years. That will allow us to return to a one-third member election cycle as defined in the by-laws. We also have 3 members (Jerry, Paul and Susan) whose terms are expiring on a normal cycle and those positions will be for a regular 3-year term. We would like to get an announcement in the bulletin for the weekend of Nov 19/20 seeking candidates for these 6 positions. Candidates for election/re-election would need to have bios into the office by the end of Nov. Bios will be placed in the commons for parishioners review with voting to take place the weekend of Dec 10/11.
4. Father closed the meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, Dec 14, 2022 at 7:15 pm in the Family Life Center.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore  
Secretary