



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Pastoral Council

June 8, 2022

Members Present:

President Father Danny Cogut	Wendy Gilraine
Chair Al Scalera	
Vice-Chair Max Stephenson	Robin Underwood
Sec Susan Moore	Kerry Verner
	Paul Wyar

1. Father Danny opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes were revised to reflect the correct title of the council as Pastoral Council; that Father is the President and Al is Chair. Additionally, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is properly called the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The revised minutes were previously sent to all members. The revised minutes were approved.
2. Father announced that Father Julio Reyes will be assigned as Parochial Vicar of OLPH and St. Gerard's effective July 1, 2022. Father Julio is coming to us from Our Lady of Lourdes in Richmond. He will be visiting tomorrow for a quick introduction and tour of our parishes. Father Anthony from St Andrew's will be moving to Williamsburg. As Father Jaime is still away, Father Danny will be at St Gerard's this weekend and OLPH will have a guest priest. We have a wide matted picture for Father Jaime's farewell. It will be in the commons on the weekends of June 18/19 and Jun 25/26 for parishioners to sign. We will also have an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Father Jaime.
3. OLD BUSINESS. Father reviewed and updated several pending items:
 - a. The lights in the lower parking lot have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the next few weeks. Mike McGuire will lead this improvement installation.
 - b. The contract for repairs to the parish's main heating unit for the commons and part of the church has been signed. We have paid half the fee and the Parish has received a gift to cover the remaining cost for the furnace upgrade.
4. NEW BUSINESS. Father presented several items for Council consideration:
 - a. We raised 113% of our Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. Our parish will receive 25% of all funds donated up to our parish goal and 50% of all funds donated above our goal; we will be receiving at least \$7,655.

- b. Father informed the council that the budget has been finalized. We will see numbers at the end of the Fiscal Year (June 30, 2022); we hope to be close to balanced for the year but are projecting higher expenses for next year.
 - c. We will place an announcement in the bulletin that if people are donating via e-giving and are also receiving envelopes in the mail to please notify Vicki or Jan to get this corrected. Father will follow-up with Jan on opportunities for second collections through the e-giving process.
 - d. Stephanie Fowler, Director of Campus Ministries for Roanoke College, has resigned her position. The Diocese is looking to fill this position. OLPH is looking for volunteers to count the donation envelopes; we need 3 person teams. Father informed us that Neal had resigned and that we need someone for the sound board; Wendy said her husband might be willing to do this. Father mentioned that we will have a section of the bulletin dedicated for volunteer positions.
 - e. The Diocese will host a safety issue webinar on Thursday. This will be recorded and posted as a link for those who would like to view.
 - f. OLPH's 75th Anniversary is the weekend of June 25/26. We will celebrate this milestone in conjunction with the Parish picnic on second Sunday of September –Sep 11, 2022. Wendy has volunteered to coordinate this effort. We will have a pot luck with the church providing the meat. Wendy is working with Pat Wyble to get the Sam's Club and budget information. Wendy has prepared cost estimates, based on the number of people attending.
 - g. St Gerard's will hold their parish picnic in October, probably on their feast day of Oct 16th. St Gerard's needs a bigger space; OLPH continues to have about 70-75 at the 1pm Sunday Spanish Mass. St Gerard's current property on Orange Ave does not have a kitchen to prepare food for functions, nor a social hall to hold functions which is why they have held their larger functions at OLPH. Father has been looking at two facilities in the area; one property at 3333 Williamson Rd is currently a Methodist Church, which is looking for a smaller space.
 - h. Father will talk to Deacon Surat about visiting nursing homes and possible transportation from the homes to attend Mass.
5. Father closed the meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, Jul 13, 2022 at 7:15 pm in the Family Life Center.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore
Secretary