

Minutes of the Meeting of
The Parish Pastoral Council of
Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
January 11, 2010

Council Members Present: Pastor Fr. Kerry Beaulieu, Parish Life Coordinator, Jennifer Clark, Lissa Callaghan, Melanie Day, Ralph Deppisch, Bob McKennon, Ross Mollard, Ron Nielsen, Jeanette Tartaglini, Maggie Williamson, Rick Zak

Members Absent: Jack Cooper, Kevin Muldoon, Steve Pellegrini

Call to Order: President Bob McKennon called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Copies of the agenda and minutes from the November 9, 2009 meeting were distributed to Council members.

Opening Prayer and Reflection: Mr. Nielsen read 2 Peter, Chapter 1 and lead the reflection.

Approval of the November 9, 2009 Minutes: Mr. Nielsen motioned and Ms. Callaghan seconded and the Council approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2009 be and hereby are, approved, and ratified as written and are to be posted on the parish website and on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Committee Reports:

Youth Advisory Committee: Ms. Tartaglini, the leader of the committee, reported that the committee will consist of 12 to 13 people including: parents, Pastoral Council members, young adults, high school seniors and hopefully one priest dedicated to this ministry. The committee will meet bi-monthly to discuss upcoming events for each month. The focus of the committee will be to get more parishioners involved with and supporting the Youth Ministry. Fr. Kerry reported that a parent, Matt Cooper, has volunteered to host a "drop-in" night here at the parish starting in February for the teens to simply drop-in for an evening of fellowship with other teens.

The youth ministry will be going to the Anaheim Ducks game on February 3rd. Mr. Mollard volunteered to give a "chalk talk" explaining the game of hockey before they leave for the game.

Communications Committee: Mr. Mollard reported that the Communication Committee's email campaign was a success and has increased the number of emails on file with the parish from 400 to now 1,200. Mr. Mollard distributed a memo from Paul

Marcus of the Communications Committee discussing the planned initiatives of this committee for 2010. Two of the main goals will be to improve and upgrade the OLQA website and to get OLQA online with social media.

Evangelization Committee:

Ms. Clark noted that this committee still needs some energy and more parishioner involvement. They have started hosting an informal open house for people interested in returning to the church and are planning to host the event once each month.

A suggestion was made to place an ad in the Daily Pilot's religion section to invite returning Catholics to the Open House. Mr. Nielsen suggested that we begin an "Angel Program" in the parish. The Angel Program is used by the OLQA school to pair up new school families with an existing family in the school to welcome them and help them transition into the school. This program was brought up to the committee a couple years ago as Ms. Clark had worked at the school and is familiar with the program. Mr. Nielsen suggested that the same program could be used for new parishioners to the church.

The Council discussed having parishioners stand up and greet each other at the beginning of each mass on Outreach Sunday of each month. This would be a way to welcome and evangelize visitors and to make all parishioners feel more welcome and connected.

Outreach Committee:

Mr. McKennon reported that the committee had a successful toy drive during Christmas. The Angel's Toy Collection benefits children in CHOC's neurological ward and also those families in the Ronald McDonald House.

Ms. Williamson thanked Mr. McKennon for all of his work on the Outreach Committee during her illness. In a joint project with St. Mark's Church, OLQA will be building another house for Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Williamson reported OLQA has a very good working relationship with Habitat for Humanity.

Stewardship Committee:

Fr. Kerry reported that during the stewardship campaign, we received over 260 commitment cards from adults and over 50 cards from children in the parish. Also 12 more people volunteered to work with the Helping Hands ministry.

Mr. Deppisch will be the new leader of the Stewardship Committee beginning January 16, 2010. Ms. Shillington will be co-leader. The stewardship core team will be determining their own strengths and how best to integrate those strengths into the team. They will be determining how best to communicate our parish mission statement and to bring it alive for parishioners.

The little burgundy book that was used during the stewardship campaign was very helpful, as a result, we have decided to offer a prayer book for use during lent for a \$1 donation.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Kerry noted that we are considering changing the Christmas Eve mass times from 4:30 to instead begin at 4:00pm and from 7:30 to 6:30 pm. This would provide two mass times on Christmas Eve before dinnertime and would lessen the overflow at the 4:30 mass time. All other Christmas mass times would remain the same.

Fr. Kerry noted that that the parish staff had cut over \$300,000 in expenses and Sunday offerings have increased \$38,000 over last year so the parish is now operating in the black again.

Fr. Kerry distributed a report of October Mass Counts for the parishes in the Diocese of Orange. OLQA reported approximately 2,300 for average total weekend attendance for October 2009, which was down approximately 150 people from October 2008.

Goals and Objectives:

The next meeting of the Council will be devoted to determining the goals and objectives of the Parish Council. We will invite ministry heads and parish staff to submit input and suggestions to the Council prior to our meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 25th immediately following the 5:30 pm mass, we will have a Rosary for our priests.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Day
Secretary