



Our Lady of the  
Black Hills

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# Leadership Night Report

***Our Lady of the Black Hills is a caring community of believers in Christ sharing the journey to eternal life. We are nourished through our sacramental way of life. As a Catholic family we learn, pray, play and worship together. In living the teachings of Jesus, we strive to be loving servants to all.***

## Pastoral Council Meeting Report

**Present:** Father Steve, Gary Erickson, Crystal Hocking, Aaron Johnson, Garth Ligtenberg, Henry Maicki, Leisa Nash, Cindy Thompson, Phillip Thompson, Bob Wentz. **Absent:** Mary Policky. **Guest:** Greg Sass, Rene Suiter

The form to request that OLBH be annexed into Piedmont was signed. Some people expressed the need for a stewardship committee. An interim committee will have the task of defining the purpose of a new stewardship comm. Greg S. proposed the need for an IT/Communications committee. He will send a proposal and describe the activities of oversight for the committee. The Formation Commission has concerns about their "role" and how it should function with core teams and staff. And they recommended that OLBH have a Coordinator of all faith formation. Crystal H. will send a summary of their discussion so that Fr. Steve can discuss this issue with staff and the Formation Commission.

Appeal. Also, we need to consider how well we welcome and steward new members – communicating to them what the parish offers for their needs and inviting them to use their talents, time or treasure. Mary Coffin brought up that Faith Formation is in need of help and that a coordinator of volunteers would be helpful in organizing and scheduling the volunteers. Stewardship will be a main priority for this year. Leisa Nash, Don Thrall, Garth Lightenberg and Mary Coffin will meet October 16 to discuss stewardship.

## Administration Commission

Betsy provided documents from Catholic Mutual to review. Facility Usage policy will be reviewed first. Questions came up about scheduling and current usage fees.

## Community Commission

The Community Commission discussed ways the church's programs and volunteer opportunities could be promoted to new and current parish members. Different ideas included developing a "Time/Talent/Treasure" center where church groups could publicize needs. Another idea included surveying the parish to identify opportunities to bring church members with common interest together. An example would be forming a group for newlyweds, or a group for members that have recently joined the church through RCIA.

## Community Commission Continued...

Coffee Hour was discussed and the need for groups to volunteer. The groups will need to be contacted for 2012 scheduling.

## Formation Commission

The month the Faith Formation Commission focused on discussion of all education programs in the parish and their needs. Members exchanged views on what should be this Commission's role in coordination and providing assistance. Consideration was given to staff's hours of employment, available volunteers, core advisory groups' roles, and space and budget impacts. Additional input is needed before making a decision on goals for 2012.

Teresa Thompson provided input on whether to register the parish for next summer's Duc in Altum. After discussion, it was the group's consensus that they would recommend focusing this year on only Vacation Bible School and a possible future mission trip for older youth.

John announced that training will soon be provided for volunteer couples working with engaged couples.

## Outreach Commission

**International Outreach** - Group discussed the possibility of joining with Cathedral Parish to support outreach with financial support to school in El Salvador. Commission will collect more information to discuss at future mtg.

**Standing Rock** - In addition to parish's financial support, it was suggested that our parish consider an annual visit to Standing Rock. This could take place in the summer and be a way to connect more personally.

**Convoy of Hope** - We will be looking at how our parish can support and offer volunteers for the Convoy of Hope next August.

**Blanket Ministry** - Barb Coyle reports that currently the church is running low on blankets. She will be either arranging a time that the church community can make blankets together or making kits up so members can make them at home.

**Card Ministry** - This ministry is still in need of a person to oversee this. Perhaps a homebound parishioner may be interested in this.

**Healing Meals** - Pauline Stoffel now has 7 volunteers and will be talking at the three masses the weekend of Dec 10 - 11 to make parishioners aware of this ministry. Bulletin notice will follow with contact information.

**Food Pantry** - Judy Roemmich reports that the Food Pantry is running low on vegetables, toilet paper and cereal. They appreciate any and all donations.

**Christmas Giving Tree** - This group will be wrapping presents on Dec. 15 from 9 AM until all gifts are wrapped. All are welcome!

**Respect Life** - The Knights of Columbus are making plans for a memorial for all babies who pass before being born. They are also considering a special memorial to the unborn at a mass to coincide with the 39th anniversary of Roe v Wade around January 22.

## Worship Commission

The Worship Commission discussed ways to reach our goal to create an action plan that will assist worship ministers in becoming even more committed and effective. Members will call chairpersons of each of the Worship Commissions and ask them to contact and involve those signed up at the Ministry Fair and to remove names of those not interested in continuing in the ministry. Worship Aides will be available in the pews for the Advent/Christmas season. The Commission unanimously approved the Knights of Columbus project to construct a memorial to children lost before birth adjacent to the OLBH outside Stations of the Cross.