



#### Pastoral Council

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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:** Fr. Steve, Cindy Thompson, Gary Erickson, Mary Policky, Leisa Nash, Phillip Thompson, Garth Ligtenberg, Aaron Johnson. **Absent:** Crystal Hocking, Henry Maicki, Bob Wentz. **Guest:** Mary Coffin

Votes have been tallied, and the new name for the old rectory is **St. Joseph's Hall**. After the last Pastoral Council meeting Fr. Steve and the OLBH staff discussed the Boy Scout storage needs. It was decided that the Boy Scouts could use the garage attached to St. Joseph's Hall. Fr. Steve met with the Finance Council (10/26/11) to discuss ongoing fundraising for the new rectory. He is asking that there would be no meetings scheduled during Gatherings of Grace week so that GOG will be the main event in the parish for that week.

Fr. Steve gave a presentation on the funding needs of the *Adopt-a-Seminarian Program*. Due to a high number of seminarians and the increased costs of seminarian education, the diocese needs to raise additional funds. Fr. Steve will shorten the presentation to 5 minutes and present it to the Parish. The idea was brought up that OLBH could adopt a Seminarian, perhaps together with the Spearfish and the Sturgis Parishes. Fr. Steve will be scheduling Seminarian events for this Fall and Spring.

Recently, the parish was contacted and invited to sign a petition to be annexed into the municipality of Piedmont. St. Mary's Church originated in Piedmont. Fr. Steve will consult the diocese about the proposed annexation.

The goal to develop stewardship was discussed. Fr. Steve would like to tie the time, talent, and treasure needs of the Parish with the Diocesan Annual 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

Present: Greg Sass, Eric Scherr, Leisa Nash, Don Thrall, Aaron Johnson

For the Risk Management Guidelines document, Leisa found that the website [www.catholicmutual.org](http://www.catholicmutual.org) has many documents regarding risk management from policies and manuals to presentations. Catholic Mutual is recognized as a leader in property, liability, and employee benefit coverages and related services for the Catholic Church in North America. Leisa will follow up with Betsy about using the website's resources to update the Facility Use Policy.

There were discussions on the existing Stewardship Committee and how current activities would fall more under fellowship and hospitality. Requests have been made to create a new Stewardship Committee that would reach out to the Parish members for time, talents, and/or treasures and also fund raising. The new Stewardship Committee would be under the Administration Commission. The existing Stewardship Committee would be renamed and remain under the Community Life Commission. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the forming of the new Stewardship Committee. Creation of the new Stewardship Committee will also be put on the Finance Committee's agenda for discussion.

There were also discussions about creating an Information Technology (IT) Committee and also possibly including communications with it. The committee would take ownership of web development (OLBH site, calendar, Facebook, etc.), software installation/upgrades, and computer replacement.

Boy Scout storage needs have been resolved; Aaron will follow up with Fr. Steve on what was decided.

# Community Commission

The Boys Scouts had a representative that joined our commission to discuss a concern they have. Currently, the boy scouts and cub scouts are storing items either in the church or a trailer, and there is not enough space for the items. They are looking for a garage or shed to store these items, which are owned by the church. They are not opposed to building a shed to accommodate their needs.

The committee also discussed possibilities to rotate various groups to serve coffee hour, which is at the end of the Sunday morning mass. Coffee hour is a time to gather and have fellowship. The rotation would be done at least once a year by all of the group/committees that represent the church. It was discussed these groups/committees would pick a Sunday to serve. This is also a great way for them to bring exposure to themselves and for the church parishioners to learn more about that group/committee.

The church is looking for volunteers to help in website and computer support. Currently, this is being supported by one person and the church is looking to spread the responsibility. If anyone is interested, please contact Betsy Van Asma.

Lastly, our group came up with two goals that we would like to work on for this year. The first one was discussed above, which was to begin a rotation for coffee hour. The second is to invite other committees that fall under the Community Commission to come to the scheduled Leadership meeting to bring feedback to our committee and to bring any concerns forth.

For any questions, please contact Erin Wentz at 605-381-6595 or contact Betsy Van Asma.

# Formation Commission

Members of the Faith Formation Commission began their meeting by reporting on groups they represent. John updated us on his participation in Returning Catholics which will be meeting in Rapid City; there are six people from all the parishes participating. Nearly all the Celebrate Anew groups have finished meeting to study changes in the liturgy. Joni updated us on Gatherings of Grace which will resume in November. Programs during the next three months will be related to themes about the liturgy. Help is needed on Wednesday nights for preparation of meals and cleanup. Jim and Barb reported that there are six people in our parish registered for RCIA. When preparation increases during the winter for spring and summer marriages, there will be a need for additional couples to be sponsors. Mary said that circulation of resources from the OLBH library continues to be higher than last year. DVD's for families will soon be purchased from the grant given us by the Western SD Catholic Foundation.

We also heard from OLBH staff members. Jenny reported on future activities which will be held for all the families of the parish. The next one will be on making wreaths for Advent. Betsy sent a summary of the survey taken of those expressing interest in participating in Adult Life on Sunday nights. These results will give Father Steve a good indication of preferred topics for future programs. Our commission continues to discuss how we will focus our efforts this year to support all the faith formation programs in the parish. There is deep interest in providing additional training or possibly a retreat for all catechists and those involved with faith formation.

# Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission identified the following current stewardship needs:

-Card Ministry: Needs a chairperson to prepare and send cards to parish families experiencing special occasions of suffering or loss.(Contact Estela Haakedahl at 721-9056 for more information.) -

Social Justice: The Diocesan group needs 1-2 individuals from each parish as contacts. They are currently looking for a parish representative to serve a 3 year term startin January 2011. Contact the parish office.

-Jail Ministry: Brad Blauvelt reported that the books donated by our parishioners are very much appreciated. He said that they are looking for a few more people to be part of the ministry either to come to the prison to support inmates' spiritual needs or to serve as a Prayer Partner. Please contact Brad at 343-6906 if interested.

-Christmas Giving Tree: We will be following up with the group that coordinates this yearly program to find out when they will be wrapping the presents. We hope to help with volunteers. More information next month.

-Food for the Poor: The Outreach Commission identified this charitable organization as a possible action step for the coming year. We collect more information to see what steps would be necessary to invite a representative to come and speak. It was suggested that we might followup with a fundraiser.

# Worship Commission

The Worship Commission set their goal for this year: To create an action plan that will assist worship ministers in becoming even more committed and effective. Rather than just focusing on the physical instructions of each ministry, we will determine how to encourage ministers to understand and appreciate the spiritual aspects of their ministries. Additionally, we discussed the need for an Usher/Greeter chairperson as well as the emphasis of ushers inviting families and/or individuals not otherwise involved in that week's Mass to process to the altar with the gifts at the offertory.

The time for Christmas Midnight Mass was discussed, and the general consensus was to begin the Mass at 10:00 p.m. Since we want to base our decision on what is best for the OLBH congregation, we would like input from parishioners interested in sharing their thoughts on the time. Please contact Steve or Sue Colgan at [sscolgan@rap.midco.net](mailto:sscolgan@rap.midco.net) or call 394-5586. We also discussed the possible return of the Taize Prayer Service, cell phones during Mass, and adding a railing by the altar.