

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019
HARAN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER. 5:55 PM by President Ron Burns. 23 people present, including: President **Ron Burns**, 1st Vice President **Kevin Darr**, 2nd Vice President **Barbara Garcia**, and Treasurer **Gary Sims**. Secretary **Terri Darr** was absent; Connie Wright agreed to record the minutes of the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Opening Prayer led by Deacon Jaime Garcia. Pledge of Allegiance and Vocation Prayer led by President Ron Burns. Deacon Jaime noted that this is National Vocations Awareness Week.

VARIETY SHOW CHAIR CHANGE. Parishioner Jack Magee has offered to take over chairing the annual Variety Show, as this year (2019) will be Joan Alimonti's final year as chair. Jack suggested possible different ideas such as plays, old-time radio shows, comedy, seasonal presentations. Ron asked that any suggestions be presented to the OLOP Society for approval prior to proceeding with plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. In Secretary Terri Darr's absence, 2nd VP Barbara Garcia read the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting. **Corrections requested: (1) Under Social Report, correct spelling of Paulette MAGEE (not McGee), and (2) under Pastoral Council, the five-year plan includes expectations for ALL parishioners (not just new parishioners). Motion made and seconded (T. Novelli – S. Coombs) to approve the October minutes as corrected.** Motion carried. Complete minutes on file.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Maintenance (Ted Novelli). Due to a conflict in his schedule this evening, Maintenance Chair Ted Novelli requested to make his report out of order. Ted offered his thanks to all who showed up and worked so hard at the fall OLOP cleanup last Saturday, November 2. Workers were provided with morning donuts as well as lunch and did a fine job sprucing up the grounds. ♦ He thanked all who helped cook, coordinate, and serve the YMI-sponsored Community Supper at St. Patrick Hall on October 31. ♦ Lights in the Haran Hall kitchen have been fixed. ♦ Ted and Mike Shoda have been working on arranging for rails for the hall table caddies. ♦ Regarding the St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March 2020, in the case of a power failure, a possible cooking

solution will be use of BBQ's. ♦ Regarding the emergency lights in the church vestibule, Ted reported that once they are activated (such as during a power failure), they are set to remain "on" for only 2 hours. The batteries recharge themselves once power is restored, but it was not known how long the recharging takes.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Gary Sims reviewed the November 6, 2019, OLOP Treasurer's report with an October 31 closing balance of \$12,946.66. Seven checks were written in October, including a \$500 donation to the Interfaith Food Bank for Project Thanks. Gary hand-delivered this check and found the Food Bank's procedures to be educational and impressive; our donation is well spent. Complete Treasurer's report on file.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT. In Secretary Terri Darr's absence, 1st Vice President Kevin Darr read two incoming letters: (1) a letter from the Alzheimer's Association announcing a workshop at Sutter Amador Hospital, scheduled for today, November 6, and (2) a letter from Road to Purity, an organization that assists with recovery of those with sexual addictions. The organization seeks orders of its recovery literature, and they included a sample pamphlet. Kevin noted that the letter was addressed to the Pastor but was mailed to OLOP; it was presumed that a copy of the letter was also mailed directly to the parish office.

CLERGY COMMENTS. Deacon Jaime brought attention to the recent *Pine Times* article that featured the award-winning essay written by one of the inmates at the Pine Grove Conservation Camp; it is apparent that God speaks to the hearts of these young men. Deacon Jaime requests continued prayer for their rehabilitation as well as their spiritual growth. ♦ The parish's 33-day Marian Consecration do-it-yourself retreat began yesterday, November 5. The retreat comprises a very powerful message of 'To Jesus Through Mary.' ♦ Deacon Jaime related the news item about a priest refusing communion to former Vice President Joe Biden, sparking a spirited debate about the Church's long-standing tradition of not denying communion to someone who presents him- or herself to receive.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS. President Burns urged everyone to attend the upcoming OLOP Variety Show this Saturday, November 9. ♦ Ron reported that he has exhausted his resources in trying to find someone to build a creche for the new nativity set. Deacon Jaime recommended contacting parishioner Bill Andrews (St. Katharine Drexel) who has done quite a bit of woodworking for the parish. Nativity figures are up to 19" high, and a 'lean-to' setting would work best on the designated table that will be set up below the Sacred Heart statue.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS. Kevin Darr thanked all who helped with the Knights of Columbus Gigantic Garage Sale at SKD last month, noting that much of the electronics, kitchenware, furniture, and clothes originated from the OLOP Rummage sale leftovers. He was able to locate an end table to use for the Jesus statue in our crying room. Unfortunately, an ill-timed, multi-day Public Safety Power Shutoff affected attendance and, consequently, sales. After the KofC sale, several truckloads of leftovers were donated to the Interfaith Food Bank Thrift Store, and some of the leftovers had to be dumped. ♦ Following September's KofC rib dinner, about \$8,000 was turned over to the beneficiary, the Amador Pregnancy Help Center.

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS

Finance Council (Terri Darr). *Absent, no report.*

Liturgy (Viki Routt). *Absent, no report.*

Maintenance (Ted Novelli). See Maintenance Report on page 1.

New Parishioners / Parishioner Assistance (position vacant). No report.

Pastoral Council (Shirley Blancett). The Council continues its work on the five-year plan.

Social (Joan Alimonti). Variety Show this Saturday, November 9 (Joan's last, as she and Tony move to Nevada next year). Refreshments at intermission; Laura Hankins agreed to help with setting up refreshments. Bob Strazzo will be setting up the stage ♦ Super Bowl Snack Sale on Sunday, February 2, 2020. ♦ Advent Dinner scheduled for next month, in place of our December OLOP meeting (Wednesday, December 4). Theme is 'Light the Way to Christmas.' Shirley Blancett and Shirley Coombs have agreed to cook the ham dinner, potatoes, and veggies. We will solicit for dessert pies/cookies and bottles of wine. Debbie Fraser will help with decorations. Attendance signups will

be encouraged for an accurate head count. Setup of hall should take place on December 3, around 1 PM.

Sunshine (Joanne Fitzpatrick). Joanne mailed ten sunshine cards in October. Complete report on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Railing from Church to Hall. Ron and Ted acquired several bids to install the railing, with All American Welding providing the best bid. It was then announced that Shirley Blancett has generously agreed to donate the full amount, in memory of her parents, Larry and Peggy Trahey – many thanks, Shirley! The railing will be installed in time for winter.

Optional Mass time when OLOP Mass canceled due to snow. Shirley Blancett announced that Father Colin has offered (if there is interest among parishioners) the possibility of an 11:30 Mass at ST. KATHARINE DREXEL when Mass at OLOP must be canceled due to snow/ice conditions. There was definite interest in this option among those who are confident they can make their way 'down the mountain.' The other option is to offer the homily in English during the Spanish Mass, if upcountry parishioners prefer the later 2 PM Mass time at SKD. Further discussion tabled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Laura Hankins requested prayers for parishioner Cindy Harvey, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be staying with a family member during treatment.

CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Jaime led the closing prayer and reflection, including a Hail Mary for Cindy Harvey. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. ***In lieu of the next meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 5 PM, Haran Hall, will be the 'Light the Way to Christmas' Dinner.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Wright for Terri Darr
Recording Secretary of the Evening*