

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 7, 2010
OLOP HARAN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER. 7:02 PM by President Jim Perrine. Twenty-three people present, including: President **Jim Perrine**, 1st VP Joe **Bertao**, Secretary **Connie Wright**, and Treasurer **Paul Christopoulos**. 2nd VP **Ron Burns** was absent.

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Opening prayer and reflection led by Deacon Jaime Garcia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion made and seconded (J. Bertao – S. Bertao) to approve the minutes of the June 2010 meeting. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Christopoulos read his June report. Report on file.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT. None received or sent.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS. No report.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS. No report.

COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS

Liturgy (*Viki Routt*). Change in the worship aid beginning the first Sunday of Advent later this year. The new aid is "Breaking Bread," an annual single volume that contains both the Liturgy and the music. We will continue to use the large print version. This change will result in an annual savings of \$525. Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes both use this same worship aid. ♦ Fr. Harry Slowey arrives at the end of August as vacation relief for Fr. Tom. He will stay through September.

Faith Formation (*Joan Nikolai*). Faith Formation calendar for 2010-11 classes has been set. ♦ The Youth Group is now a countywide organization, consisting of the youth from all three parishes in the Amador Catholic Community (ACC). Still in the planning stages, with a kickoff planned for August. ♦ Five people in the ACC have completed the Basic Catechist Course and will be certified by the Diocese. ♦ St. Patrick Parish is currently running a Faith Formation Awareness Campaign, consisting of bulletin flyers and announcements, with the goals

of promoting a better understanding of Faith Formation among all parishioners and acquiring additional catechists to help educate and guide our children in the faith.

Sunshine (*Joanne Fitzpatrick*). Joanne sent 11 cheer, congratulations, and sympathy cards in June.

Maintenance (*Joe Bertao*). The hot water heater in the kitchen will be replaced soon with an "instant hot water" type, courtesy of Kamp's Propane.

Social (*Joan Alimonti*). Joan distributed and reviewed the proposed 2010-11 OLOP social calendar: The date for the 2011 Respect Life Tea (April 30) may be a problem because of its proximity to Easter, but there was no choice for another date due to other conflicting events. Further discussion may be required. ♦ Judy Christopoulos confirmed that Pioneer Park has been reserved on September 12 for the picnic, scheduled to begin about 11:30 AM. OLOP Society will provide hot dots and hamburgers, parishioners will be asked to bring other potluck items, and games for the children will be provided (sack race, balloon toss, etc.) We need volunteers to chair and help run this event. Thelma Asbury will follow up with attempts to find volunteers. ♦ Details for RV camping trip scheduled for October still to be determined. Sue Perrine is organizing this event. ♦ Camille Sereni agreed to chair the Thanksgiving Baskets drive at OLOP as long as there are funds in the budget for assistance. ♦ Connie Wright to finalize calendar; Joan Alimonti will distribute in a couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Perrine. Sue showed the Willow Tree Angel that was given to Cindy and Fred Perez by the OLOP Society as a gesture of encouragement and caring. ♦ Sue presented a new "gavel" to President Perrine as a gift from the workers of the recent Rummage Sale. Applause, applause.

Connie Wright. Connie addressed concerns about the OLOP copier. Twice in the last year, the copier count has spiked to over 700 copies per month, which is more than twice the average usage. All costs for the copier have been borne

by the parish (cost of the copier itself, toner cartridges, and paper), and all agreed that this is a privilege that should not be abused. Connie pointed out that our copier is not a “high-speed copier” and should be considered more on the level of a home computer printer. We have also been asked by the parish to not use the parish copier (in Jackson) for OLOP-related events due to their own high usage and contract restrictions. This pertains especially to Xeroxing bulletin flyers, which usually requires a quantity of 500. Discussion ensued regarding copier usage guidelines and possible actions to prevent abuse:

- **Motion made and seconded** (A. Wright – C. Sereni) that budgeted OLOP fund-raising events, such as the Rummage Sale and the Golf Tournament, and organizations outside the OLOP Society, such as the YMI, are to pay a third-party service (such as Staples, Mail-N-Stuff, or Sierra Mail & Copy) out of their own budgets for copies needed when the quantity is considered “excessive” for our OLOP copier. **Motion passed.**
- The OLOP Board will establish a separate budget item to pay for “non-fund-raising-event” copies that may need to be run at an outside service, depending on quantity. This includes events such as the Respect Life Tea and the Variety Show.
- The OLOP copier will continue to be used for items such as Mass ministry schedules; choir needs, Faith Formation needs; OLOP Society agendas, minutes, and Treasurer’s reports; other OLOP ministry needs; YMI meeting agendas and other related items.
- Connie will continue to monitor the copier count.
- If copier count continues to be high, additional measures may be taken. All parishioners should note that use of the OLOP copier is restricted to church-related business only.

Connie Wright. At the request of the parish, Treasurer Christopoulos will begin providing copies of the OLOP Society monthly bank statement as well as the check register. Discussion ensued regarding (a) the funds that are raised by the OLOP Society and used toward maintenance of this church and (b) the numerous parishioners who do not request reimbursement for the expenses they incur in the course of their volunteer work.

Jim Perrine. Jim read an email from Blanche Rueda (not in attendance) reiterating the need for *backup* chairpersons/volunteers to be in place when the chairpersons are away or unable to fulfill an obligation. Blanche’s report included these ministries and their chairs/backups: **Mercy**—Sue Perrine/Margie Mellott; **Home-bound Eucharist**—Charlene Rasmussen/Blanche Rueda; **Martha**—Jane Ragusano/ (need backup); **Social**—Joan Alimonti/ Blanche Rueda; **Parishioner Assistance**—Blanche Rueda/Sue Perrine; **Sunshine**—Joanne Fitzpatrick/Del Rae Svarc.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Tournament. Lee Cumpian reported Golf Tournament arrangements are progressing. Advertising is planned for the *Ledger-Dispatch* and *Buy & Sell*, as well as for five or six other media outlets (newspapers, broadcast). Response from golfers has been slow; historically, the signups come just before the deadline. Rose Cumpian is coordinating acquiring prizes and sponsors for the event; letters have been mailed to potential donors. Thus far, we have several generous donations from Dr. Tim Durkin, Bank of Amador, Pine Grove Tire, Taste Restaurant, Charlie Spinetta, and other local businesses. Several prize baskets will also be donated by our parishioners. Lee will be arranging for a bulletin flyer, possibly in all three parishes in the county.

Rummage Sale. Judy Christopoulos gave the final wrap-up summary of this year’s Rummage Sale. Net proceeds were \$11,359.21, with a 70/30 split between OLOP and St. Bernard. The recipients of the leftover merchandise, Secondhand Shop of San Andreas, were prompt and efficient in picking up and were pleased with the donation. Complete report is on file. Judy and Camille have volunteered to chair the Rummage Sale in 2011. Wild applause!

CLOSING PRAYER

Deacon Jaime led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. **Next meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 7 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Connie Wright, Secretary*