

**OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Fondale at 7:00 PM in the "Rummage Sale living room" of Haran Hall. Twenty people were present, including President Phil Fondale, 1st Vice President Joe Bertao, 2nd Vice President Jim Perrine, and Treasurer Camille Sereni. Secretary Charlene Rasmussen was absent; Connie Wright recorded these minutes.

OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joan Nikolai led the opening prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made and seconded (J.Bertao-S.Bertao) to approve the minutes of the May 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Sereni read the Treasurer's Report. Income and expenses were detailed for the month of May. Motion made and seconded (S.Bertao-J.Christopoulos) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously; report is on file.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND SENT

Connie Wright read a thank-you note sent by Elizabeth Thompson and Candice Aubert of Common Ground Senior Services to the OLOP Society. Ms. Thompson expressed warm thanks for the generous funds raised by the Respect Life Tea held on May 2.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Fr. Tom was not present, but President Fondale spoke with him prior to the meeting. Father is suddenly very busy with funerals; hence, his absence. A new Parochial Vicar has been appointed to the three parishes of the Amador Catholic Community effective in July, but his name has not yet been released.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Fondale was away for two of the last four weeks. There was one phone call from Mark Outland, with a request to borrow chairs from the hall. President Fondale expressed thanks to the Society for the privilege of serving as president for the last year. His term expires at the end of June.

COMMITTEE AND MINISTRY REPORTS

Liturgy: Viki Routt reported that the Liturgy Committee met on May 14 in the Rectory Conference Room. At the meeting, the Triduum feedback was reviewed and considered mostly positive. Overall, the entire Triduum experience was a very moving one for all. Some concerns were expressed over (1) the unbalanced assigning of ministerial duties among the churches and (2) the musicians layout. These items will be held in consideration at the appropriate time next year. The Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost (now past) were discussed. The Baccalaureate Mass was held on May 31, followed by a reception in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. No special instructions for Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. At St. Patrick Church, the recruitment of ushers, sacristans, and environment helpers will be

handled by those involved in those ministries. Next Liturgy Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 11, at 5 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

Faith Formation: Joan Nikolai reported that all is quiet, as Faith Formation classes are now over for the current school year.

Sunshine: Joanne Fitzpatrick sent 13 cheer, congratulations, and condolence cards in May. She also called two parishioners and has requested that a Mass be offered for Hildy Himler on July 19, the day after Hildy's memorial Mass. Joanne read a heartfelt thank-you note that she received from Fr. Vladimir Kozina, a retired priest in the area who suffered a broken hip and to whom Joanne sent a get-well card.

Maintenance: Joe Bertao reported that he is currently soliciting bids for parking lot maintenance (sealing the cracks and/or resealing the entire lot). Several light bulbs have been replaced in the church. A Risk Management representative from the Diocese inspected the OLOP facilities on June 2 for diocesan insurance purposes. The inspector was pleased with the updates that were done since last year. Following the Rummage Sale, the hall and church carpets will be professionally cleaned.

Social: Joan Alimonti distributed the tentative events calendar for 2009-10. One question was asked about the "Camping at San Juan Bautista" event tentatively scheduled for October. Sue and Jim Perrine will be investigating the possibility of a group trip to the San Juan Bautista area, mostly for – but not limited to – parishioners with RV's or trailers. More information in the coming months.

Scholarship: Ron Burns reported that Treasurer Sereni sent a \$1,000 check to Claremont College, on behalf of Aaron Outland, this year's scholarship winner. President Fondale thanked Ron Burns for his work as this year's Scholarship Committee Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Rummage Sale: Complete report on file. *Summary:* Judy Christopoulos reported that the sale begins in two days. She and Co-chair Jim Powell thanked the many volunteers for their hours of tireless work and have enjoyed working with all. All advertising has been completed, including paid print ads, announcements in free community publications, press releases to local broadcast media outlets, flyers posted locally, and announcements in the church bulletin. Judy thanked Connie Wright for the bulletin insert that called for donations; it was a great success by bringing in a sudden surge of donations by parishioners. Although the cutoff date for donations was May 29, donations have continued to come in. The dumpster has not needed to be emptied yet, due to the excellent quality of donations received. Snack bar food supplies will be ready in time, as will the start-up cash needed for the cash boxes. Finishing touches to the outside area will be complete tomorrow. "AB" from The Secondhand Store will arrive at the hall tomorrow to review the setup; she will be the recipient of this year's leftovers after the sale. Art Wright reported that the large "sandwich board" Rummage Sale signs were placed on the roads today.

Golf Tournament: Lee Cumpian, who is chairing the event, was not present. It was noted that Mark Wuelfing will not be available this year to solicit raffle prizes.

Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo "Fun" Raiser: Phil Fondale reported that he and Cindy will be chairing this event, which is set for Saturday, October 3. The emphasis will be on FUN, with the cost of the dinner being inexpensive but enough to cover expenses and maybe make a

small profit. Dinner will be about 4 PM, with Bingo to follow. Plans are to have the price of the dinner include five games of Bingo. Participants must attend the dinner in order to play. Two hundred Bingo cards are available.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Officers for 2009-10: Sue Perrine reported that the slate of officers proposed for the next year, beginning in July, is as follows:

Jim Perrine, President

Joe Bertao, 1st Vice President

Ron Burns, 2nd Vice President

Connie Wright, Secretary

Paul Christopoulos, Treasurer

Since there were no other nominees, President Fondale recommended that the approval of officers be handled by acclamation rather than election. Motion was made and seconded (A.Powell-S.Bertao) to do so; motion carried unanimously. Motion was then made and seconded to accept the slate of officers (C.Sereni-J.Nikolai) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Other: Art Wright reported one item. On Friday, May 29, he found a live lizard in the church during his hour of Adoration. With the help of Ray Waugh, they were able to catch and remove the lizard. Speculation is that the reptile probably found its way in when the front doors were open but unattended, possibly during the cleaning of the church.

CLOSING PRAYER

Joan Nikolai led the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wright
Acting Recording Secretary