

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Meeting	
Date: December 18, 2011	Call to order: 7:05 pm Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.
PRESENT:	Jim Delclos, Sharon Hamblin, Charlie O'Donnell, Betty Pucci, Debbie Depta, Fr. Charles Hergenroeder, Fr. George Blasick, Anthony Policastro, and Sharon Feltwater
ABSENT:	Al Weir, Maria Lehman, Nancy McGee, Arcy Passwaters,
Opening Prayer	Offered by Betty Pucci
November Minutes	The minutes from the November meeting were approved with no changes.
Pastor's Updates and Insights: Fr. Blasick	1) Father Harrison initiated a CD when he was here that is now worth \$58,000 that will mature in January. Need to investigate plan for purchase of CD before distribution is made. 2) Discussed need for Priests to reside closer to the Church and the possibility of achieving that goal in the future.
New Business	
Social Action Committees—Dr. Policastro	G. Boardman has resigned from the Outreach Ministry. Question is what we do with the opening. The Outreach Committee greets new Parishioners, ministry fair and newsletter. After discussion: 1) Recommended that Eileen McHale be asked to chair this committee. 2) Recommendation is that each committee has a chair and an assistant chair.
Parish Census—Fr. Blasick	Cards were in the Bulletin this week to update Census for the Parish. The last census was 1994. Discussion on how to reach "shut-ins". Plan is to conduct a census each Advent so current information is available. This census will also information on medium age of parishioners, interests, etc. May help get new members for ministries and help revitalize ministries. Discussed need for "making Church a priority in life" by parishioners especially in regards to children. Quote by Archbishop E. Gilbert: "If a person can only give 10%, take the 10%." Recommended that Pastoral Care assist with census on visits. 2) Recommended that ministries meet at least annually to keep updated and revitalized.
Bylaws—J. Delclos	Need to review Bylaws. Recommended that each person review their section and that a special meeting be held to revise Bylaws as needed.
Old Business	
Church Basement—C. O'Donnell	Committee of: Fr. George, J. Delclos, J. Santos, and D. Depta met. Main goal is Safety of Church Basement—especially fire safety. 2 suggested floor plans were shown. Found out that PreK and K. children are not allowed to have classes in a basement. There needs to be dedicated egress from the basement to the outside. Class rooms with solid walls vs. partitions that could be moved were discussed. They need to find out is the ceiling is fire rated. One concept has 6 classrooms and one has 8 classrooms. The next step is to prepare a proposal for the Diocese that

	includes the plans, estimates, and proposal. Also, C. Tobin and D. O'Donnell, the Trustees need to be made aware of the proposal as well. The proposal includes doing the renovations with as little disruption of religious ed. as is possible.
Parish Software	Training is on-going. Lynn will be inputting the census data. The software will help view interests of parishioners, ministry groups, etc.
Campus/Master Plan	Need to update the Bylaws regarding the Ministries. When the Master Plan is developed, it should include plans that help the ministries function well. This includes space. We need preliminary information: What do the groups do? What do they need space for? Dr. Policastro will develop a questionnaire for the ministries that will provide information needed about the groups.
Ministry Reports	The Youth Ministry is being restructured and D. Depta is in charge of this.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Hamblin