



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – March 14, 2016

Elected Members Present: Connie Capria, Mary Kay Delavan, Rick Dzurilla, Lourdes Eyer, Debbie Harrison, Sal Lucido, Joe Porpora, Pat Satriano

Elected Members Absent: Susan Bové

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr Sean Harlow, O.Carm., Peter Adams, Recording Secretary

Parish Members Present: Morag Cuff

The meeting began with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2016 were accepted.

The following updates were given:

Administration and Stewardship (Liaison: Lourdes Eyer)

- In the East Wing foyer, damp carpet has been taken up and slate tiles installed.

Liturgy (Liaison: Pat Satriano)

- No report.

Education and Faith Formation (Liaison: Susan Bové)

- Children's Religious Education: Morag Cuff came to speak with us regarding what they were doing with the Teen Program.
- Children's Living Stations of the Cross (3/4) was very well attended and was a success.
- Re-registration for 2016-17 Religious Education is 4/4 through 4/6.
- First Holy Communion will be Sunday 5/7 at 9:00 and 11:00.
- The First Eucharist Retreat will be Saturday 4/2.
- The last Confirmation Class will be on 3/28. Confirmation will be on 4/23.
- Adult Faith Formation: 4/16/16 Parish Retreat with Fr Hasely King, O. Carm., is set to begin at 9:00 and run to 2:30 on the theme of God's Mercy.
- April dates are being considered for Spring Question and Answer Night, which had to be postponed.

Christian Services (Liaison: Mary Kay Delavan)

- The Prayer Chain is very active.
- Flowers were sent to one parishioner for a birthday, and to two others for illnesses.
- The Senior Lunch had a turnout of 100 attendees and 20 volunteers plus 4 Confirmation candidates.
- The Church has been paid \$55.80 for food lost owing to a freezer mishap.

Food Pantry (Liaison: Mary Kay Delavan)

- The Pantry is well-stocked.
- Six families were served over the past month.

Community Outreach (Liaison: Joe Porpora)

- No report.

Hospitality and Social Activities (Liaison: Sal Lucido)

- Lenten Simple Soup went well; 96 attended; 24 loaves of bread were ordered, and only 4 were left over for the Food Pantry.
- A Saturday Evening Chat and Palm Sunday Kaffeeklatsch is set for 3/19-3/20; Jim Lancellotti will set up OLMC Shrine Gift Shop items after all Masses.
- A Fish, Chicken and Chips Dinner is set for Friday 4/8; Adults \$15, Seniors \$14, and Children 10 and under \$10.
- Hospitality is preparing a calendar of events for 2016/2017.

Kitchen Crew / Food Services (Liaison: Connie Capria and Rick Dzurilla)

- The St. Patrick's Dinner drew 160 attendees.

Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harrison)

- The Arts and Environment Committee will resume planning following the Easter season.
- Kate Vecchio will chair a reconstituted Dinner Dance Committee in planning the 2016 event.
- The Pine Bush Community Band Concerts will be on July 25 and December 5.
- Family Fun Day will be on Sunday 6/5.

Vicar's Report (Fr Sean Harlow, O.Carm)

- After much study, prayer, many meetings, and considerable expense, our feasibility studies have revealed that any form of building restoration or new construction would cost no less than \$3 million. The Finance Committee met and considered several options, but the final recommendation made to Fr Sean was that St. Paul's is not currently in a position to take on such an expensive project.
- Fr Sean agreed with this recommendation and approved it, with thanks to all for the time and effort they have put into the study.

Follow-Up Discussion of Topics from Earlier Meetings

- We will not be able to coordinate with Our Lady of the Assumption on Food Pantry operations at this time.
- The Vicar's suggested project for prayer blankets and/or shawls for the sick will be planned and implemented by Christian Services and Community Outreach.

The meeting closed at 8:15 with a prayer.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter W. Adams, Recording Secretary