



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – February 20, 2017

Elected Members Present: Peter Adams, Susan Bové, Lourdes Eyer, Christine Forbes, Deb Harrison, Kevin Maher, Pat Satriano

Elected Members Absent: Mary Kay Delavan, Sal Lucido

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr Sean Harlow, O. Carm.,

Parish Members Present:

The meeting began with prayer at 6:45 PM.

Minutes of the Meeting of January 9, 2017 were accepted.

Old Business Docket: Discussion of the Council's old business docket was deferred until there is full attendance.

The **Ministry Organization Document** was accepted as drafted. It will be considered part of the Parish Constitution, under Section 10, "Ministries", and can be updated annually.

Ministry Reports:

Ministry Liaisons were invited to communicate details of ministry activity to Anna Cesca and to the Recording Secretary while providing highlights to the Council meeting. Highlights were as follows:

Administration and Stewardship (Liaison: Susan Bové)

- Our old dishwasher was repaired, possibly for the last time (no spare parts).

Adult Faith Formation (Liaison: Pat Satriano)

- The AFFC has drafted a set of survey questions for parish members concerning recent AFFC events to learn whether changes in format, schedule, or participant support (such as child care) would bring about more attendance.

Hospitality and Social Activities (Liaison: Kevin Maher)

- Hospitality will work with Adult Faith Formation on refreshments for the Parish Retreat on Saturday April 1.

Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harrison).

- Blood Drive is moving forward.

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

- Preparations for Carl Locatelli's Ordination as Deacon are proceeding, and a bus, to leave Bullville at 7:00am, has been reserved. Further, Carl's first Mass here will be at the 11:00 on 6/18.
- Operation Archangel, a diocesan initiative to increase security around its churches, will be instituted at St. Paul's beginning in March.
- St. Paul's will begin preparing for its Capital Campaign in July 2017; the campaign formally starts in September. Ideas and suggestions from the Parish Council should be put forward by April.
- Follow-up on the CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) survey proposal: two parishes, one in New Jersey, and one in Queens, were contacted and reported that the study was helpful in many ways. During discussion, it was suggested that a carefully-planned meeting of St. Paul's parishioners might allow us to create our own survey that would have the effect of a CARA study: the Parish Council should consider possibilities for an agenda, including 3-5 goals and/or topics.

The meeting closed at 8:00 with prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday March 13, 2017 at 6:45 PM. (Tentative)

Respectfully submitted, Peter Adams, Recording