



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – May 16, 2016

Elected Members Present: Susan Bové, Connie Capria, Rick Dzurilla, Lourdes Eyer, Debbie Harrison, Sal Lucido, Pat Satriano

Elected Members Absent: Mary Kay Delavan, Joe Porpora

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

Parish Members Present: Jessica Carpino

The meeting began with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2016 were accepted.

Jessica Carpino presented suggestions for changing the schedules of the First and Second Grade Children's Religious Education. The changes include placing the classes on a weekly basis from September to May rather than monthly. The Council discussed these proposals and asked Ms. Carpino to offer her suggestions to the Ministry of Education and Faith Formation.

The following updates were given:

Administration and Stewardship (Liaison: Lourdes Eyer)

- No report.

Liturgy (Liaison: Pat Satriano)

- The May Crowning of Mary will take place at all Masses this weekend.
- The calendar for 2017 is actively in preparation.
- From now on the Liturgy Committee will meet on an as-needed basis rather than monthly.

Education and Faith Formation (Liaison: Susan Bové)

- Children's Religious Education: Classes have finished for the year.
- 31 children made First Holy Communion on May 7.
- Over 90% of Religious Education families have registered for next year.
- New registration will be held June 5.
- Adult Faith Formation: The April 16th Retreat, with Fr King, drew 63 attendees and received \$272 in offerings. 63 evaluations were received and will be compiled.

Education and Faith Formation (continued)

- Wednesday Scripture Sharing meetings will continue in May and June.
- Topics for an October Faith Formation Program are being considered.

Christian Services (Liaison: Mary Kay Delavan)

- The Prayer Chain is active.
- Flowers were sent this month to two persons.
- The Senior Lunch on 4/6 was a great success.

Food Pantry (Liaison: Mary Kay Delavan)

- The Pantry is well-stocked.
- Three families were served on April 30.

Community Outreach (Liaison: Joe Porpora)

- No report.

Hospitality and Social Activities (Liaison: Sal Lucido)

- Attendance at the Fish/Chicken Fry was 143 versus 161 in the prior year; the Committee plans to take a year off and possibly schedule another Fry night during Lent 2018.
- The Kaffeeklatsch / Saturday Chat for the weekend of 6/18-19 is being finalized.
- The June Parish Picnic, set for 6/5, attracted very few sign-ups. The Council agreed that it should be cancelled.

Kitchen Crew (Liaison: Connie Capria and Rick Dzurilla)

- The May 14 Roast Beef Dinner went well.

Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harrison)

- Prayer Blanket Ministry: Members of the Council discussed many ideas for blankets, an embroidered message (such as “St. Paul’s Carmelite Family”), prayers, places in the Liturgy for blessing of the blankets, qualifying the recipients, and delivering the blankets –plus the role of the blankets in a Healing Mass.
- 300 Club / 17K Project: After discussion of several options, the Council opted for the high-revenue, big prize fundraiser. Fr Sean will present a detailed plan for this project at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

- No report.

The meeting closed at 8:45 with prayer.

Next meeting will be June 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter W. Adams, Recording Secretary