



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – January 10, 2022

Elected Members Present: Christine Forbes, Rosa Gonzalez, Pam Vogt, Peter Adams, Michael McGovern, Julie Laurenzi, Hector Hernandez and Beth Schick

Elected Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm., Deacon Carl Locatelli and Deacon Michael McCabe

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

The meeting began with prayer at 6:45 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2021, were accepted.

January is “Reset Month”

- A copy of the Constitution was sent to all Parish Council members. Amendments have been made over the years, and this is the time to correct a typo, add a new ministry, etc. Parish Council members should review the Constitution this week and email questions or concerns to the chair. The Constitution will be revisited at next month's meeting.
- January is also the month in which a new chairperson is elected. The practice has been for a member not to serve as chair in his or her last year. Because 2022 is Christine's last year, she will assume a co-chair role. Survey Monkey was set up to allow for an anonymous vote during this Zoom meeting. There was a technical glitch, followed by a three-way tie, necessitating several voting attempts to break the ties. (Neither ex-officio members nor the recording secretary vote.) The chair must be decided before liaisons are assigned because the chair, who already has extra responsibilities, is not assigned as a liaison. At 7:26 p.m., Julie Laurenzi was voted the new chairperson.
- The liaisons are:
 - Administration & Stewardship: Fr. Sean; no co-liaison is needed at this time.
 - Education & Faith Formation: Rosa Gonzalez is the liaison for Religious Education and Michael McGovern for Adult Faith Formation.

- Christian Services: It is Pam Vogt's last year, so Hector Hernandez and Rosa Gonzalez will get involved in the myriad categories of Christian Services, with Rosa the liaison to the Prayer Blanket Ministry.
- Social Activities: Pam Vogt.
- Worship and Spiritual Life: Christine Forbes is the liaison for the Youth Ministry and Beth Schick for the other components.
- Art & Environment: Peter Adams

Worship & Spiritual Life

The Youth Ministry made a solid attempt at caroling, but the weather didn't cooperate.

Art & Environment

Be sure to pass on to all involved that the Christmas decorations were beautiful.

Vicar's Report – Fr. Sean

In the spirit of keeping everyone up to date regarding church finances, because of the snow, income took another hit last weekend with only 13 people at Mass on Sunday. Again, while there is no reason to be overly concerned, this needs to be monitored and the information then shared.

Chairperson's Report – Christine Forbes

Pat Davies decided to retire before the end of her term. The options are to appoint someone to serve her remaining two years or to wait until the next election.

Because of several mid-term resignations in past years, the Parish Council has been struggling to return to nine filled seats with three up for vote each year. This evening's vote for a new chair – with several ties - illustrated the downfall of having eight and not nine members. Given the healthy number of candidates who ran in the November election, it was decided that the runners-up will be contacted privately until someone accepts the appointment.

The meeting closed at 7:48 p.m. with prayer.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti