

**St. Patrick's Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019**

Present: Msgr. Ferry, Fr. Joseph, Patti Juliana, Heather Trotta, Eileen Melican, Guy Carlsen, Carol Carlsen, Biagio Mignone, Diane Banford, Susan Leighton and Joe DeCicco

Discussed:

The minutes from the May 22nd meeting were approved by the Parish Council

Religious Education

- Susan Leighton was welcomed as the new Religious Education Coordinator for grades 5-8
- Susan Leighton brings a lot of experience and energy to the program

End of Year Review

- The Parish Council made tremendous strides in 2018-2019. It assisted with parish transitions, increased engagement of the parish community, and improved the financial bottom-line by instituting the church restoration collection.
- Goals for 2019-2020 include to build upon the successes of last year, increase contributions to preserve the reserve, improve parish communications and develop an annual calendar
- It was suggested that the parish accomplishments be included in one of the August or September bulletins

Council Updates

- The Parish Council officers has agreed to serve another year
- The bylaws of the Council may be changed so that officers serve more than one year

Religious Education

- This year saw the smallest first Communion class ever
- Both Confirmation and Communion went well
- There is always a need for Religious Education teachers, especially for the older grades
- Msgr. Ferry reported that Susan Leighton has been named as Pat Perlstein's replacement to head up Religious Education for grades 5-8

Carnival Feedback

- The committee will hold a meeting in the fall to begin work on the 2020 carnival
- The committee raised the most money from the sponsorships and food
- It was a very successful carnival and raised more than in 2018

Parish Calendar/Communications

- It was recommended that we provide an outline of all parish activities for annual events so that parishioners can put the dates on their calendar; this will be a way to increase attendance and enable the parish to be more organized. Carol Carlsen offered to take the lead on coordinating this effort.
- The Parish Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 21

Community Center

- We will be collecting school supplies and food in July and August

Pastor's Report

- Msgr. Ferry expressed his sincere thanks to Biagio and Kathy Mignone for spearheading the Carnival Committee. It was a great success
- Msgr. Ferry is considering using Flock Note for Parish Communications

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.