

St. Patrick's Parish Council;

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

Present: Monsignor Ferry, Diane Bamford, Guy Carlsen Richard Julianna, Bill Kelleher, Eileen Melican, Biaggio Mignone, Erin O'Donnell, Gary Vesshiccica

Absent: Father Joseph, Gerri Alfino, Joe DiCicco, Patti Julianna, Susan Leighton, Karen Schmidt, Heather Trotta

Opening Prayer: Monsignor opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:35 pm. Minutes from June 23, 2021 were distributed and unanimously accepted.

Pastor's Report: Monsignor noted that we are now in the beginning of the new school year and a new fiscal year. Attendance at mass has recently been fluctuating. He noted that as of now there are no ushers which in turn has hurt the collections. Not everyone is using the two stationary collection boxes set out in the church.

Negotiations are still in progress for the future use of the St. Patrick's School facility, Monsignor stated that the enrollment figures in the CCD program is a concern. Karen sent in her report: Presently, there are 240 students enrolled. 140 attend classes in person at the school and 100 students, parent led, attend virtually. Monsignor stated that he will form a committee to review the program. He suggested that the trustees be on the committee. Erin O'Donnell volunteered to serve on the committee.

Carnival Update: Biaggio reported that the dates are set for October 12 – 17th at the usual hours. The food will be by Brian Bunting and his food trucks. In addition to the trucks, he will have a food tent. There will be a raffle with 50/50 tickets-3 prizes. Each raffle ticket will cost \$40 with discount for multiple tickets. Biaggio stated that the insurance is set and just awaiting approval from the Archdiocese.

Needed for Carnival: Sponsors. The form is on the website. Volunteers for ticket booth, money room, raffle, security sign -in table for volunteers, and set up prior to

Carnival. Biaggio noted that there will be sign- up sheets in the back of the church after each mass for volunteers.

Updated Items:

Annual Outdoor Mass: After discussion, it was agreed that the Outdoor Mass is set for 5:30pm on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Gary will oversee set up and help Guy arrange for electricity for the music. This year we will not have dinner served after mass. If raining, mass will be held in the church. Monsignor to email parishioners about the event.

CCD: Monsignor reported that Susan Leighton has resigned her position. Theresa Dolan is the new replacement.

Men's Ministry: Guy reported that there are 14 men attending in person on Saturday mornings and 5 attending on ZOOM.

NWCC: Diane reported the following food donations from the parish: June – 441 lbs; July - 70 lbs; August – 360 lbs; Sept.– 352 lbs.

Monsignor reported one new donation. The Knights of Columbus, after fifty years, sold their lodge (house) in Mt. Kisco. From the sale, they donated \$5,000 to the parish. In addition, they donated \$500 to the parish to be used for a needy family.

Meeting concluded with a prayer by Monsignor at 8:28 pm.