

SFDC Parish Council Minutes 01-03-2017

Location:	Church Meeting Room	Leader:	Monsignor Graham		
Date:	01/03/2017	Note Taker:	Sean Mota		
Time:	7pm – 8:00pm	Call In #:		Revised:	1/4/2017
Attendees:	Bernadette O'Hara, Chris Falciano, Christi Chiapetti (Excused), Fr. Dennis Iddamalgoda, Deacon George Coppola, Grace Lucie (Excused), Jack McCarrick, Jim Corbett (Excused), John Mullane, Johnathan Trosa, Leo Gonzalez, Liz Castagna, Marge Wiehler, Margie Disilvio (Excused), Maria Brogli, Marianne Hughes, Monique Moussot, Peter Moussot, Sean Mota, Father Stephen Asomah, and Jim McQuade (Excused)				

AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter	
1. Opening Prayer	John Mullane	
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the December meeting	Parish Council Members	
3. Pastor's Update	Monsignor Graham	
4. Review of the Previous Parish Council Constitution	Monsignor Graham	
5. De Chantal Hall Design	Monsignor Graham	
6. Plans for Irish/Italian Night	John Mullane	
7. 90th Anniversary plans and dates	Maria Brogli	
8. New Business	Open	
9. Date of Next Meeting	1/7/2017	

Ongoing Projects *(if necessary)*

Notes (Minutes)

- **Acceptance of the Minutes of the December meeting:**

Minutes were accepted by Margie Brogli and Monique Moussot

- **Pastor's Update:**

1. There is on more work to be done in the installation of a drain from the rectory to the school so that rain water can flow easier.
2. Church was decorated beautifully for Christmas.

- **Review of the Previous Parish Council Constitution (Monsignor Graham):**

The St. Frances de Chantal Parish Council Constitution was presented to all members. They were all asked to review it and to bring any changes on the next parish council meeting. The tentative list of Parish Council Members as of January 2017 includes:

- a) Ex-Officio: Monsignor Graham, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Stephen, Deacon George, Deacon Murphy, Christi Chiapetti (Coordinator of Religious Education), Johnathan Trosa (Coordinator of Youth Teen Group), Paul S. (Parish Finance) Grace Lucie (School Principal), Joy Costan Vanadio (Music Director) and Parish Trustees (2).
- b) 3 Year terms/renewable; once/selected, elected, appointed members.
- c) Appointed Members: Marianne Hughes, Peter Mousett, Monique Mousett, Marge Weihler, Chris Falciano, and Liz Castagna. All appointed at the December 2016 parish council meeting.
- d) Others Members from the Parish Societies:

Holy Name – John Mullane
Knights Of Columbus – Nick Basone
Ushers – Jim Corbett
Nocturnal Adoration Society – Bernadette O’Harra / Jack McCarrick
Rainbow Club – Liz Castagna
Plant Manager – Leo Gonzalez
Spanish Liaison – Sean Mota
Cursillo de Cristiandad – Isabel Soto

Monsignor asked if there were other societies and these were mentioned: The English Charismatic Prayer Group, the Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group, Communities Encounters, Altar Society, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers.

- **De Chantal Hall Design (Monsignor Graham):**

Sullivan Architecture, 31 Mamaroneck, White Plains, NY 10601 made two floor plan scheme of possible designs of the lower church. The plans were provided to the parish council members so that they can bring questions to the next parish council meeting. These plans do not contain proposal of how much the re-design will cost. An addition bathroom will need to be added to the current facility. The plan includes: Flexible “Event” space for large functions, multi-purpose rooms for various uses, Large HC accessible Men’s and Women’s restrooms and storage. Obviously, we will have to raise money to embark on this venture.

- **Plans for Irish/Italian Night (John Mullane):**

John Mullane, President of the Holy Name Society, will be taking on the organizing this event. The event will take place on Friday, March 10, 2017 starting at 8:00 PM. There is going to be an Irish Band Playing and a D.J. The tickets will be \$35 per person. The following will be served: Corned beef, cabbage, Potato, Coffee, Irish Bread, and Italian deserts. We will try to bring the NYC Pipers to play (if possible). We will try to get 160 to 180 people for the night. Promotion of this event will start at the end of January 2017.

- **90th Anniversary plans and dates (Maria Brogli):**

Paint Night: This will take place on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Luca’s Restaurant. The restaurant is located in the vicinity of Westchester Avenue and Crosby Avenue. We will have a family style dinner at \$50 per person. The \$50 will include the 90th Anniversary Medallion as well. There are only 40 seating available. The 90th Anniversary Medallion can be bought at \$10 each at the rectory.

Easter Drawing contest for the Kids to be done in Easter. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt. The Young Teen Group will assist in this.

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017, a Mass (7:00pm) and mini-concert at 6:30pm to celebrate the first Mass done at the old church (today is the current gym of the school).

Tentatively on 6/22/2017 we want to have a card party. The details of this are not yet available.

- **New Business:**

- **Coat Drive (Monsignor Graham):**

This is set for Saturday and Sunday January 14 and 15. We are only accepting Coats and the Young Teen Group will coordinate the event by receiving the packages and packing them.

- **The Feast of the Three Kings (Leo Gonzalez):**

This event will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2017. This is an event for the kids and children of the parish. We will have the Mass at 1pm with the procession of the three kings, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels and will invite all children to the De Chantal Hall for candies, Piñatas, soft drinks, etc., and we will have a painter to do face painting.

- **Celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia (Sean Mota):**

This event is set for Sunday, January 22, 2017 starting with the 1pm Mass. At 2pm we will have a gathering and lunch for all. Also, the novena which is done in different house in the neighborhood will start on Friday, January 13, 2017 and it will end Saturday, January 21, 2017.

Church Stained-Glass Windows (Jack McCarrick):

Jack brought a document obtained from “St Frances de Chantal Church, Bronx, New York” dedication book, published in 1971 by Custombook, Inc. This document gave us the description of the stained-glass windows inside the upper and lower church. Here is an excerpt from the document (or book):

A total of eight stained-glass windows designed by Albin Elksus of the Durhan Studios of New York City have been placed in the main body of the church.

Two large windows are dedicated to the theme of Creation and the Second Coming of the Christ. The six windows on the opposite side of the church represent:

1. Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John
2. St. Augustine and St. Monica
3. St. Thomas Aquinas
4. St. Frances de Chantal
5. St. Francis de Sales
6. St. Peter Claver

The lower church windows depict Faith-Nativity, Hope-Resurrection, and Chrity-Pentecost.

Parish Website (Sean Mota):

The website is live and it can be found at www.sfdchantal.org It is update to the latest news and information and it will be a great tool for all organization. It took us a while to resolve the legal issues with the domain name and the technical issues of finding a hosting place for it. We want all Parish Council Members to visit the website and give us feedback and give us ideas how it can be useful to you. Monsignor also mentioned to do a mail campaign to all parishioners about the website.

- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7pm in the meeting room.