

# SFDC Parish Council Minutes 08-01-2017

<b>Location:</b>	De Chantal Hall	<b>Leader:</b>	John Mullane
<b>Date:</b>	08/01/2017	<b>Note Taker:</b>	Sean Mota
<b>Time:</b>	7pm – 8:00pm	<b>Call In #:</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kathy Kolpak, Marge Wiehler, Rosemary Lillis, Peggy McKeegan, Sandra Maldonado, Margie O'Brien, Margaret McCormack, Christi Chiapetti, Eileen Albin, Liz Donnelly, Joy Costan-Vanadio, Isabel Soto, Reynaldo Ramirez, Fr. Dennis Iddamalghoda, Eileen Murray (Visitor), Fr. Stephen Asomah, Peter Moussot, Monique Moussot, Margie Disilvio, Jack McCarrick, Candida Rosa, Theresa Chirinos, Maria Brogli, , Liz Castagna, Jonathan Trosa (excused), Michael Vargas substitute for Jonathan Trosa, Monsignor John Graham, Sean Mota, Bernadette O'Hara (excused), Leo Gonzalez (excused), Chris Falciano (Excused), Donna McVey (Excused), Heriberto Diaz (Excused), Jim Corbett (Excused), Nancy Carfora (Excused), Nick Blasone, & Marianne Hughes		

AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter
1. Opening Prayer/ Pledge of Allegiance	All
2. <b>Minutes Approval</b>	Waved
3. Pastor's Update	Monsignor Graham
4. Carnival	Christi Chiapetti
5. Anniversary Journal and Activities	Christi Chiapetti & Monsignor Graham
6. <b>Blood Drive</b>	Jack McCarrick
7. <b>Life Screening</b>	Monsignor Graham
8. <b>Formation of new parish committees</b>	Open to all

## Notes (Minutes)

- **Opening Prayer:** All
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** All
- **Minutes Approval** was waved and accepted by all present.
- **Pastor's Update:**
  1. Many thanks to Marie Brogli and her volunteer staff for a successful and peaceful Carnival. Weather was not the greatest but the profit to St. Frances was about \$2,600. I would like to use part of that for the pruning and trimming of the shrubbery around the property.
  2. Thank you to the volunteers who are selling tickets for the upcoming events ---Paint/Pastry Night, Dinner Dance, etc.
  3. Thanks to the Holy Name Society for the Blood Drive next week.
  4. Plans are being made for the remembrance events for 9/11. They include antique fire trucks and police cruisers in the parking lot for the children, police dogs, rock climbing wall, Chinese auction in the DeChantal Hall and a bi-lingual Mass of remembrance at 11:30am. (NO SPANISH MASS at 1PM). Please see Msgr. Graham, one of the priests, Marie B, Liz, or Christi for any ideas or suggestions.
  5. The repair of the water leak in the school boiler room is still in process (NYC Permits, etc) but moving forward.
  6. School is being attended to during the summer months (floors, painting, 2 dumpsters of "garbage" have been filled). Re-configuration of the lobby to make it more welcoming and user friendly for the secretaries and visitors. Sister Patricia has been working since July 5 and she will present a more detailed report at our September meeting.
  7. My focus for the new year will include: increasing mass attendance of the school/CCD parents with their children, family faith formation for elementary school parents, development of the RCIA program. (if you have any suggestions, please let me know. The priests meet on a regular basis and we work well together on we and old projects).

8. Msgr Graham reported that Fr. Mike O'Connell, who celebrates the weekly Sunday Spanish Mass, is retiring at the end of the month (August). There will be a special good-bye for him as his date approaches, very likely on Aug 20th. (a reception for him)

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10. We thought we could host voting here in De Chantal Hall this season, but the poll workers did not submit our bid in time for this year's primary and Elections. Perhaps in the future. DC Hall features much space, plus e parish would receive a fee for hosting

11. What about having a reception for Deacon George Coppola? Ans: we intend to do so still, we shall be in contact with him and let parishioners know. Marie Broglie commented that she thought Deacon George would not want a farewell reception

- CARNIVAL

1. Theresa Chirinos reports that the Carnival was a great success and at minimal cost. The committee had little work to do; profit was approximately \$2,600.

2. It was proposed that a June 1st date might work out better

3. Also, next time, we will have more input into it to make it even better

- ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL and Activities

1. So far, 31 have paid for a Journal Ad page, a few more are coming. We will push for Ads during August at the weekend Masses.

2. We need announcement from the altar

3. Dinner Dance limit is 250 people, 82 have purchased tickets to date

4. 24 have purchased tickets for the upcoming Paint Night

- BLOOD DRIVE

1. Jack McCarrick outlined the promotion and plans for the Summer Blood Drive, which is occurring on August 6th.

2. The use of De Chantal Hall for the May 14th blood drive worked out so well, we shall use the hall again for the Summer blood drive

3. This will free up the two bloodmobiles for use by other groups in the region

4. The hall allows us to collect "double rg" units, which can't be done on the bloodmobiles

- "LIFE SCREENING"

56 people have signed up for this health procedure, which will be conducted in the parish.

### Formation of New Committees in Parish Council (planning for the future):

EVANGELIZATION - Monique read a sample outline given by Msgr. Graham, describing the steps for setting up such a committee

SOCIAL JUSTICE – address the needs of the Spanish community

EDUCATION - support, provide classes for parishioners and others

It was noted that these Committees are DIFFERENT from the Parish Societies.

After this New Business was presented, QUESTIONS arose:

- Sean Mota: interested in the Education topic, had ideas for general learning, can we make services available?
- Margie DiSilvio: Can we have a Spiritual Committee?
- John Mullane: The Youth of the parish need to be addressed and invited to come to church
- Monique: suggested doing simple things, have an ice cream social, etc. Maybe some people are "just one confession away" from a full return to the Church?

**Msgr. Graham suggested that we have a brainstorming session at our October 2017 Parish Council meeting.**

1. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7pm in the de Chantal Room.
2. Closing Prayer: All