

# SFDC Parish Council Minutes 09-05-2017

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| <b>Location:</b>  | De Chantal Hall   | <b>Leader:</b>     | John Mullane |
| <b>Date:</b>      | 09/05/2017  | <b>Note Taker:</b> | Sean Mota    |
| <b>Time:</b>      | 7pm – 8:00pm  | <b>Call In #:</b>  |              |
| <b>Attendees:</b> | Bernadette O'Hara, Candida Rosa, Kathy Kolpak (Excused), Chris Falciano (Excused), Christi Chiapetti, Fr. Dennis Iddamalgoda, Donna McVey, Donna Racsok, Edward McCauley, Eileen Albin, Heriberto Diaz, Isabel Soto, Jack McCarrick, Jim Corbett, Monsignor John Graham, John Mullane Rebecca Mota (substitute for Sara Trosa), Joy Costan-Vanadio (Excused), Leo Gonzalez, Liz Castagna (Excused), Liz Donnelly, Margaret McCormack, Marge Wiehler, Margie Disilvio, Margie O'Brien, Maria Brogli, Marianne Hughes, Maryanne Keeney, Monique Mousot (Excused), Peter Mousot (Excused), Rosemary Lillis, Sandra Maldonado, Sean Mota, Fr. Stephen Asomah, Theresa Chirinos, Reynaldo Ramirez (Excused), Judi De Sourter (Visitor), Peggy McKeegan, Nick Blasone (Excused), & Nancy Carfora. |                    |              |

| AGENDA ITEMS  | Presenter                         |
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| 1. Opening Prayer/ Pledge of Allegiance                         | All                               |
| 2. <b>Minutes Approval</b>                                      | Waved                             |
| 3. Pastor's Update  | Monsignor Graham                  |
| 4. Guest Speaker Sister Patricia Brito, SFDC Principal          |                                   |
| 5. 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report, Journal Ad/Dinner Dance | Christi Chiapetti<br>Maria Brogli |
| 6. <b>New Business</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. Continue to thank Marie, Christi, and Theresa for their time in the church lobby selling Journal Ad and Dinner-Dance Tickets.
  2. This Sunday will be our day of Remembrance with Mass and other special events to pray and to commemorate the terrorist attacks of 9/11. A special program has been prepared.
  3. The repair of the boiler leak in the school continues.
  4. School opens for the children on Thursday; religious education classes begin next week on Wednesday, September 13.
  5. The bulletin will be announcing our RICA program for adults.
  6. As I mentioned at our last meeting, our priorities for this year will be Mass attendance, family faith formation and parish mission. There is a committee signup sheets for those who are interested to sign up.
  7. I would like to form several committee and being to organize their membership and activities. These committees and their duties are still in the discussion stage since we have other groups doing similar jobs.
  8. I would like to introduce Sister Patricia Brito, a religious sister of Jesus and Mary, an experienced teacher, administrator, principal and religious sister who officially began on September 1 but who has been hard at work since July 1.
- **Guest Speaker Sister Patricia Brito, sfdc Principal**

We are currently building on what we have. I have a plan. We already have built the Academic program with regent Algebra for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is not going to cost extra to parents. Main focus is religious formation, facilities, enrollment increase, the sfdc alumni. I have a working committee with Judy to involve the alumni in the school.

We are looking into bringing a remedial program for children in needs. We are working in revamping our currently library. I see the school in five years with a 50% increase in enrollment. We are a titled 1 school. We offer free UPK early childhood program. We are looking into sponsorships for scholarships. Current scholarships are available through Archdiocese and it is based on income and number of children. There are currently 302 children enrolled in the school. There are 17 to 19 pending. Retention is very good. I want to create a marching band to make sfdc school visible in different activities and parades. We want to be bring family faith formation. We want to be different so that young parents can enroll their children at our school.

- **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report (Marie Brogli)**

1. Dinner-Dance tickets are 100% sold out. Limited to 250 tickets.
2. We currently have about \$11,000 worth of ads for the Journal. Last date is 9/10/2017 but we are going to extend it.
3. Paint night went very well. There was \$500 profit that was made and given to the parish.
4. Zumba is on 9/23/2015 at the Gym Auditorium. The tickets are \$15.

- **New Business**

1. Eddie Diaz and his wife have volunteered to help with RCIA
2. Education Committee currently has two projects to propose. A workshop craft for Christmas and health topics
3. Knights of Columbus will be assisting on Veteran Days.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7pm in the de Chantal Room.

Closing Prayer: All