

MINUTES SFdC PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2018-11-13

Attendees: 28

Liz Donnelly opened the meeting explaining that Council President Jim Corbett's absence was due to his father's passing. William "Bill" Corbett passed away the day before. Liz will run the meeting.

ATTENDING: *Eileen Albin, Sr Paricia Brito, Nancy Carfora, Liz Castagna, Christi Chiapetti-Costa, Theresa Chirinos, John Connolly, Joy Costan Vanadio, Heriberto Diaz, Margie DiSilvio, Liz Donnelly, Msgr. John Graham, Marianne Hughes, Fr Dennis Iddamalghoda, Rosemary Lillis, Sandra Maldonado, Jack McCarrick, Peggy McKeegan, Donna McVey, Robert Mensah, Monique Mousot, Peter Mousot, Reynaldo Ramirez, Isabel Soto, Sarah Trosa, Dan Trosa, Deacon Fernando Vazquez, Marge Wiehler*

EXCUSED: *Maria Brogli, Jim Corbett, Leo Gonzalez, Antoria Mora, Ysidro Mora, Sean Mota, John Mullane, Bernadette O'Hara*

ABSENT: *Maryanne Keeney, Edward McCauley, Margie O'Brien, Candida Rosa, Antonia Valdez*

Meeting opened with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at **7:07pm**

AGENDA:

1. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father Graham asked that all read the printed summary of his report and would entertain questions (see next):
 - a. Monique Mousot asked about the \$20K loan. **Ans:** Were it not for the \$173K loan already given us by ADNY, our deficit would have been about \$200K
 - b. Marge Wiehker: point #18 regarding electric bill program with Con Ed (encouraged by ADNY) – SFdC would pay \$62K up front but would get the money back in a few years.
 - c. Christie Chiapetti: point #14: 214 (162 + 52) boxes collected to date for "Operation Shoebox"

- d. Liz Donnelly: point #8 **Ans:** applies only to our area of the East Bronx (Deanery meeting regarding funeral/eulogy policies). No eulogies at funerals.
 - e. Jim Dixon: point #13 (Renew & Rebuild”), “can using money for more imminent needs, such as new heating/air conditioning, instead of original goal be considered ‘contractual?’” **Ans:** Pastor can change target of money if deemed a necessity.2
 - f. Marge Wiehler asked about the cost of a new sound system in the church. **Ans:** We have a quote of \$35K
2. **EVANGELIZATION:** Monique Mousso: we had a wonderful All Souls Service in Edgewater Park, with Msgr. Graham and Father Robert. In Throggs Neck Houses, Ed Green will ask MM to set up the next Three Kings event. Locust point: will be the same as last year; Silver Beach: yes, but not sure what they are planning.
 3. **SPIRITUALITY & LITURGY:** Margie DiSilvio: The Living Rosary was conducted well, there may be some enhancements made for the next time so as not to have it too long. Also, there are people asking for the Mission to come back to SFdC.
 4. **BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** Sandra Maldonado reported the Family Life Office offers a program for grieving parents who have lost children. The grief is marked by how the parents were unable to bring Christ back into their lives. The program helps them to do that and ease their suffering. Can we bring this program here to SFdC?
 5. **“Salute to America”:** Liz Castagna reports on the show provided by the “American Bombshells” this coming Saturday in De Chantal. Tickets are still available, \$45 a person (\$25 for Veterans). Sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

6. **COAT DRIVE:** this effort will take place between Christmas and New Year's, it shall be announced in the parish bulletin
7. **HOLY HOUR OF HEALING:** Father Graham announced this will take place after the 7:00pm vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception on First Friday at 8:00pm. It will be conducted by the Sisters of life. The intentions will be for the clergy and any victims of abuse. In addition, similar holy hours are planned for the First Fridays in March, April and May 2019. After the 8pm Holy Hour, regular First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will continue until midnight.
8. **"Active Shooter":** Sr. Patricia Brito (in place of Marie Brogli) reported that the ADNY had given a presentation on this topic involving the safety of our parishioners (in light of recent events).
9. **Lessons and Carols:** Joy Vanadio announced Dec 16th at 3:30pm as the date for this annual Advent prayer service, consisting of scriptural reading interspersed with Carols that describe the Expectation, Annunciation and Birth of Jesus, The Savior.
10. **Christmas Blood Drive:** Jack McCarrick reported the parish blood drive will be on Sunday, Dec 16th, 8:30am to 2:30pm, in DeChantal Hall. The need for blood is great, especially at Christmas. Also, those who come to donate will receive a "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" coupon, courtesy of The Wicked Wolf.
11. **LIP SYNC CONTEST:** Jonathan Trosa announced this enjoyable event will take place in the School Auditorium on Saturday evening, Dec 15th, at 7:00pm. This a great fund raiser sponsored by the Parish Youth Group *Los Jovenes*
12. **MISC:**
 - a. (1) Father Graham reported there are eight (8) RCIA candidates who will receive their Sacraments. (In some cases, it is for convalidation of marriage.)

- b. John Connolly (HNS Secretary) invited all parish groups to the Holy Name Christmas Mass and Meeting (8:30am & 9:30am) on Sunday, December 9th. Hot food will be served, an Advent Wreath Service will take place. The meeting will conclude with Christmas Caroling.
13. **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, Dec 4th, 7pm

THIS MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:00 PM

(submitted: Jack McCarrick)

