

SFDC Parish Council Minutes 09-10-2018

Location:	De Chantal Hall	Leader:	Jim Corbett
Date:	09/10/2018	Note Taker:	Maria Brogli
Time:	7pm – 8:00pm	Call In #:	Revised:
Attendees:	<p>Present: Fr. Dennis Iddamalghoda, Msgr. John Graham, Fr. Stephen Asomah, Fr. Robert Mensah, Eileen Albin, Sr. Patricia Brito, Maria Brogli, Nancy Carfora, Christi Chiapetti-Costa, Theresa Chrinos, John Connolly, Jim Corbett, Heriberto Diaz, Margie DiSilvio, Liz Donnelly, Leo Gonzalez, Marianne Hughes, Maryanne Keeney, Rosemary Lillis, Sandra Maldonado, Jack McCarrick, Ed McCauley, Peggy McKeegan, Donna McVey, Monique Moussot, Peter Moussot, John Mullane, Margie O'Brien, Bernadette O'Hara, Reynaldo Ramirez, Candida Rosa, Isabel Soto, Sarah Trosa, Marge Weihler, Madeline Morani, Ed Timper, Lonna Casaliggi, Deacon Fernando Vazquez, Ysidro Mora, Antonia Valdez, Marie McCarrick, Blasina Morales</p> <p>Excused: Liz Castagna, Cathy Kolpak, Victoria Moussot, Emily Mutze, Sean Mota, Joy Costan-Vanadio</p> <p>Absent: Judi Desouter,</p>		

AGENDA ITEMS		Presenter
1. Opening Prayer/ Pledge of Allegiance	All	
2. Minutes Approval	Not available	
3. Pastor's Report	Msgr. Graham	
4. Liturgy Report	Margie DiSilvio	
5. The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign	Samatha	
6. Area Mission/Evangelization:	Monique Moussot	
7. SFDC School	Sister Patricia Brito	
8. New Business	Open	
9. Next Meeting	Officers	
10. Closing Prayer	All	Lead by Father Stephen

Notes (Minutes)

- **Opening Prayer:** All
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** All
- **Minutes Approval** – Minutes from June not available – no approval
- **Pastors Reports:**
 - 1- Thank you to the new officers - Jim Corbett (Chair), Liz Donnelly (Vice-Chair), and our returning secretary, Sean Mota. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.
 - 2- Corpus Christi Procession was well-attended with several “altars” along the procession route.
 - 3- Marriage renewals were celebrated on June 24th.
 - 4- School graduation Mass and ceremony were celebrated June 8th. Many 8th graders received scholarships and grants.
 - 5- The special needs program has begun in our school.
 - 6- Deacon Fernando Vazquez has been assigned to our parish. He will assist with the masses and is helping with the RCIA program in Spanish.
 - 7- The Holy Land Pilgrimage was a wonderful experience. Should we do it again?
 - 8- The Bi-lingual celebration of St. Frances de Chantal, which was celebrated on August 12th, was well received and well attended. Special thanks to the Choir for the musical performances.
 - 9- The Carnival and Rainbow Club's Chinese Auction were successful. Nearly \$4000 was raised. We are considering moving the carnival to September for 2019.
 - 10- The school had an increase in enrollment this year. CCD will resume on September 12th. We will be meeting with the parents of the elementary school and the Religious education program more frequently and are trying to build up the 10 A.M. mass as a family mass.
 - 11- Voting will take place in de Chantal Hall for the primary and in November.
 - 12- The Living Rosary is scheduled for October 7th (the Feast of the Holy Rosary). There will be a bi-lingual 11:30 A.M. mass, followed by the rosary in church. I am hoping for a decade in Italian. We had an Italian contingent who organized the St. Anthony Bread Blessing in June for the Parish.
 - 13- Thank you for your support every Sunday and your positive response to the Renew + Rebuild campaign.

14- Life Screening will be back in November. The church does not receive any funding or donations for this, however it is a service we are helping to provide to the community.

15- Ysidro Mora and Antonia Valdez will be the leaders of a marriage program starting in September in Spanish.

- **Liturgy Report (Margie Disilvio):**

The rosary novena ends on October 7th. There is a bilingual mass scheduled with a living rosary following the mass. The various groups and committees in the church will participate, with each decade being said by different groups. 1 decade will be said in Spanish and we are trying to get 12 people to say a decade in Italian. October 7th is the feast day of The Holy Rosary and the 54 day novena ends on the same day.

Some Parishioners brought up the saying the prayer to Saint Michael after every mass.

The request for a holy hour especially for the priests was proposed, with the assistance of the Sisters of Life.

Any suggestions for Advent events?

- **The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign:**

SFDC is ahead of the other 55 parishes within our block. We are currently at 41% of our goal of \$839,500. The average gift is \$12K. This Renew and Rebuild campaign is NOT a loan and nothing has to be paid back. The parish keeps 74 % of the pledges raised, after the 2018 Cardinal's appeal goal is deducted from total raised. The remaining 26% goes to the Archdiocese. They use this money in several ways, such as a subsidy to the schools, the seminary, retirement residences, needy parishes and evangelization formations.

- **Area Mission/Evangelization (Monique and Peter Mousset):**

Planning on doing evangelization events in the individual communities. A meeting is forthcoming to work on the area mission for 2019. We are already looking at topics and dates. If anyone would like to be part of the steering committee to speak to Monsignor.

Dr. Scott Hahn ran a weekend seminar about how to evangelize and de-Christianize the Catholics that have fallen away and do not come to church. Who evangelizes the evangelists. There are classes on how to talk/answer people for when they ask why do you still go to church.

The Eucharist is a gift that can only be gotten from the Catholic Church

- **Other Organizations:**

(Monique Mousset)

The Young Adult Society had had several events over the summer, worked with LAMP, and has been doing events with the Archdiocese Young Adult Ministry. They hosted a Christian music event in August. The group meets and attends 1 mass a month.

(Sarah Trosa)

The Young Teen Group is doing an Escape Café in September. This is there fundraising event for the year and the members are not charged any dues. All are welcome to participate in the event and join the fun.

- **CCD Program (Christi Chiapetti-Costa):**

CCD starts September 12th and there is 1 class per grade. We are offering 8th grade and High School level this year. The fee is \$100 per student and \$130 per family.

- **SFDC School (Sister Patricia Brito):**

The new special education program is in its beginning stages. It has approximately 30 children. There are now regents classes up to the 8th grade. Senator Klein provided a grant for the Italian program and the kids were asking for it.

There are many sports teams for the school. The PTA had a fundraiser on June 1st and it did very well. These fundraisers have provided ipads and computers for the kids. There is 1 class per grade, 2 full size UPK-3's and 3 UPK-4 classes. A question was raised about how many students were needed to pay the schools bills....it used to be 35 per grade. We are not meeting the cost per child. In order to get out of being a regional school and become a parish school again, we have to maintain a budget for 5 years and the parish has to be able to pay all the maintenance bills. We lost a few teachers to the public school system.

- **New Business and questions:**

St. Benedict is running a cornerstone retreat on September 21 to September 22th open to all women.

How is attendance taken at Mass – a clicker is used to count.

How can we improve attendance --- start within your own families.

Sign up for Formed!!!

Father Stephen will say his last mass at SFDC on September 23, 2018 at the 11:30 A.M. mass. He will MISSED!

Next meeting is Tuesday October 2nd in de Chantal hall.

Future meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Closing Prayer – Fr. Stephen “let’s hold hands so we can all go to Heaven together”