

SFDC Parish Council Minutes 02-05-2019

Location:	De Chantal Hall	Leader:	Jim Corbett
Date:	02/05/19	Note Taker:	Maria Brogli
Time:	7pm – 8:00pm	Call In #:	Revised:
Attendees:	<p>Present: Msgr. John Graham, Fr. Dennis Iddamalghoda , Fr. Robert Mensah, Sr. Patricia Brito, Eileen Albin, Maria Brogli, Liz Castagna, Jim Corbett, Margie DiSilvio, Liz Donnelly, Marianne Hughes, Rosemary Lillis, Jack McCarrick, Peggy McKeegan, Donna McVey, Ysidro Mora, Monique Moussot, John Mullane, Margie O'Brien, Bernadette O'Hara, Reynaldo Ramierz, Isabel Soto, Sarah Trosa, Dan Trosa, Antonia Valdez, Deacon Fernando Vazquez, Marge Wiehler</p> <p>Excused: Nancy Carfora, Christi Chiapetti-Costa, Theresa Chrinos, John Connolly, Herberto Diaz, Leo Gonzalez, Maryanne Keeney, Sandra Maldonado, Ed McCauley, Sean Mota, Peter Moussot, Candida Rosa.</p> <p>Absent: Judi Desouter</p>		

AGENDA ITEMS	Presenter	
1. Opening Prayer/ Pledge of Allegiance	All	
2. Minutes Approval	All	
3. Pastor's Report	Msgr. Graham	
4. Liturgy Report	Margie DiSilvio	
5. Area Mission/Evangelization:	Monique Moussot	
6. Social Activities	Maria Brogli Jack McCarrick	
7. Youth Group	Sarah Trosa	
8. SFDC School	Sister Patricia Brito	
9. New/Old Business	Open	
10. Next Meeting	Officers	March 5, 2019
11. Closing Prayer	All	

Notes (Minutes)

- **Opening Prayer:** All
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** All
- **Minutes Approval** - Approved
- **Pastors Reports:**

Renew and Rebuild has officially ended. Gifts and pledges are still being accepted. Currently, we are a \$745,385 in pledges, that is at 90% of our goal. The 2018 Cardinal's appeal, \$73,000 has been paid. The remaining balance will now be split 74% to the parish and the other 24% to the Archdiocese. The Renew and Rebuild fund is at TD Bank and has \$19,082 in the account. Thanks for a terrific response!

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal for 2019 has begun. The 2019 goal is again \$73,000. Almost \$8000 has been pledged/paid.

Discussions for the replacement of the HVAC system in the church is still on going with the Archdiocese. One proposal has been secured for \$500,000.

Monsignor thanked the people n the parish for all the things they have contributed to.

February Events: Mass for the Consecrated Religious (Feb 3rd), training for new lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Corona self help group (Feb. 10th), Hispanic Community Valentines Dance (Feb9th), Holy Name Society (Feb. 10th), Area revival meeting (Feb.19th), parent Confirmation meeting (Feb. 13th), Family Faith Formation Sunday (Feb.17th 10 A.M. Mass) and the classes for CCD Catechists will begin February 27th.

January Events included: Area Revival meetings, Prayer Service at the Throggs Neck Houses, Open house at the school, Catholic Schools Week, Family Faith Formation Sunday was January 27th. Baptism for 5 students in St. Frances elementary school and CCD program, school bingo and 2 special celebrations at the 1 P.M. Mass. (The Three Kings and Our Lady of Altagracia)

Cardinal's letter on the Human Reproductive Act, awareness of pending bills on surrogate pregnancy, and assisted suicide.

Lent begins March 6th--- 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses, 5 p.m. service especially for CCD children and parents as well as parishioners, 7 p.m. bi-lingual service.

The Sisters of Life will have a Holy Hour of Healing for Clergy and Victims on Friday March 1, 2019. It will begin at 8 p.m., immediately after the 7 p.m. Mass. The Women's Day of Recollection at the Retreat House of The Sisters of Life will be on March 20th. The Stations of the Cross will be Fridays during lent at 7 p.m. in English and at 8 p.m. in Spanish. If there a different time would be better, i.e. Saturday afternoons, let Monsignor know. It can be worked on.

- **Liturgy Report (Margie DiSilvio):** Sisters of Life are hosting the Holy Hour on March 1st
The S/L Committee is going to have a Mass of the Anointing. All details will be firmed up in March. It will be a Saturday in April. We would like to have volunteers to pick up people who are able to come to church, but do not have transportation, and then escort them to DeChantal hall for refreshments. There will be announcements in the Bulletin, from the Pulpit, and word of mouth, in order to reach the people who would need this anointing.
- **Area Revival/Evangelization:** The Mission/Revival will be on April 9-10-11, 2019. The members of the clergy have been scheduled as Follows: 4/9 Fr. Cleary 4/10 Fr. Tuitti for the English. Fr. Torres will do 4/9 and 4/10 for the Spanish community and will lead the bilingual Mass on 4/11/19. The name of the mission was changed to revival because the young people don't know what a mission is. We will have Praise and Worship music on the first 2 nights. This is very similar to the Catholic Underground. On the 3rd night the music will be directed by Chris Reilly and will include the area Choirs. The various committees are working on their parts. The Welcoming Committee is headed by Margie DiSilvio, the Hospitality Committee is being run by Liz Castagna, and Maria Brogli has the Media Committee. The lay witnesses start their training on February 12th. They are trained by the Archdiocese. Everyone is welcome to learn how to do a witness, even if you are never called up. It helps to speak of our Faith. We are going to ask the social societies to help with the funding. Liz does need help!!
Announcements will be made at all 6 parishes from a lay person from the community – to tell what the mission meant to them and gives a personal invitation. If anyone wants to speak at another church, see Monique.
There was feedback from last year was “what's next?” There will be a follow up on June 22nd “Corpus Christi” – it is a Holy Hour/Happy Hour....looking for a guest speaker, followed by wine & cheese. This is to keep the connection going. Ed Green of LAMP ministries is willing to teach people how to speak to a neighbor.
Outreaches – There were about 30 people at the Throggs Neck Houses. The Silver Beach and Locust Point communities elected to wait until the spring.
- **SFDC School (Sister Patricia Brito):** The open house was very successful. Parishioners came as well. We are in District 8 and were selected by the mayor to be part of the Free UPK3 program. We are getting 2 to 3 classes. It is a full day, although we still have a ½ day program. Dept of Education is in touch with us and it looks like a go!
The children will again be making the centerpieces for the St. Joseph /St. Patrick dinner dance.
The School is holding an adult bingo in DeChantal hall on May 21st. Coffee and cake are included.
The School will be represented in the TN St. Patrick's parade again this year.
- **Social Activities:** The Choir is hosting the annual St Patrick – St Joseph concert on St. Patrick's Day- March 17th at 3:30 p.m. There were questions regarding – how it can be better advertised to get better attendance. Suggestions made included using a flyer in the bulletin, having the Choir preform at the dinner dance as a prelude to the concert. Have it on different date, other than the actual date and not the same day as the TN parade. Put a banner outside saying free concert, add additional musicians, they need to do something more.
Advertising and sale of tickets for the St Patrick - St Joseph Dinner Dance will begin on February 9th at all Masses. The Dinner Dance is being sponsored by The Holy Name Society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus. There will be hot food, beverages and music. Tickets are \$40. It is on March 8th in DeChantal Hall. The committee meets again on Feb 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. If anyone wants to help, come to the meeting.
- **Youth Group:** The Annual Lip Sync show raised \$715 which was donated to St. Jude's. The kids helped with the blood drive/Pictures with Santa and that was a big help. A big Thank You was extended to the YTG.
They will do the Stations of The Cross on Good Friday at 8 p.m.
- **New Business:** On Wednesday, March 20th, is the Women's 1-day retreat. 5 people have already signed up. Marge Weihler is getting the bus for transportation and is the bus captain.
Sisters of life are providing special Holy Hours on March 1st and April 5th. Both are 'Frist Fridays' -therefore there will be Mass at 7 p.m., followed by the Holy Hour commencing at 8 p.m.
A question was brought up about the way communion is distributed at Mass. Alternate ways of going up and returning were suggested. The left side of the church seems to have a problem when people are returning to their seats after receiving Communion. Suggestions included:

Could the ushers do row by row or pew by pew? Could the EM stand in a different part of the church? Could there be an announcement from the pulpit telling people to go back to their seats a different way?

The configuration of the church does not help for the orderly receiving of the Eucharist. The reason we come to Mass is to receive Eucharist.

This issue will be addressed at the next meeting, after some time has been allotted to think on possible solutions.

Another question was asked – if tags could be placed next to the windows, like in museums, with the names of the saints/etc. for each of the windows in the church.

A round of applause was given to Peggy McKeegan on being the Grand Marshal of The Throggs Neck parade.

Next meeting is March 5, 2019 at 7pm in the de Chantal Room.

Closing Prayer