

SFDC Parish Council Minutes 09-10-2019

Location:	De Chantal Hall	Leader:	Jim Corbett
Date:	09/10/2019	Note Taker:	Peter Moussot
Time:	7pm – 8:00pm	Call In #:	Revised:
Attendees:	<p>Present: Eileen Albin, Patricia Brito, Maria Brogli, Nancy Carfora, Liz Castagna, Christi Chiapetti- Costa, John Connolly, Jim Corbett, Heribito Diaz, Margie DiSilvio, Liz Donnelly, Msgr John Graham, Marianne Keeney, Rosemary Lillis, Jack McCarrick, Peggy McKeegan, Donna McVey, Madeleine Morani, Sean Mota, Monique Moussot, Peter Moussot, Teila Narcisco, Bernadette O’Hara, Candida Rosa, Sarah Trosa, Dan Trosa, Jonathan Trosa, Fernando Vazquez, Marge Wiehler</p> <p>Excused: Theresa Chrinos, Joy Costan Vanadio, Leo Ganzalez, Marianne Hughes, Father Dennis Iddamalghoda, Edward McCauley, Fr. Robert Mensah, Ysidoro Mora, Margie O’Brien, Reynaldo Ramirez, Antonio Valdez</p> <p>Absent: John Mullane</p> <p>Observers: Jack Murphy</p>		

The next Meeting is October 8th 7pm, in de Chantal Hall

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. The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign	Msgr. Graham	
6. Area Mission/Evangelization:	Monique Moussot	
7. SFDC School	Sister Patricia Brito	
8. New Business	Open	
9. Next Meeting	Officers	
10. Closing Prayer	All	

Notes (Minutes)

- **Opening Prayer: All**

Heavenly Father,
as the days begin to shorten,
and as Summer fades to Fall,
we thank you for the gift of rest and relaxation
that these past months have provided,
without skipping a beat,,
in our responsibilities as a council.
May we find strength and peace,
through praying Your name.
We put our trust in You Lord,
as we prepare for the events, and challenges,
of the coming year.
And we pray we will be blessed,
by Your Loving Presence.
Amen

- **Pledge of Allegiance: All**

I pledge allegiance,
To the flag,
Of the United States of America,
And to the republic,
For which it stands,
One nation,
Under God,
Indivisible,
With liberty and justice,
For all.

- **Minutes Approval:** Approved By: Jack McCarrick Seconded By: Bernadetta O'Hara

- **Pastors Reports:** *The full Report can be found at the end of the minutes*

- i. Thanks to Jim Corbett, Liz Donnelly and Peter Mousot for serving as this years officers
 - ii. Introduced Fr Ricardo Garcia to the meeting.
 1. Fr Ricardo thanked everyone for welcoming him to the meeting
 - iii. Fr Edmund's paperwork is still in progress. Details to be forthcoming.
- b. Corrections to Report**
- i. Item #2
 1. Subsidy is 330,00 not 350,000 as stated in report
- c. Questions pertaining to Pastors Report**
- i. Item #3
 1. We needed to obtain permits for the lighting work done in the church.
 - a. Con Ed grant took care of 74% of the cost and St Frances had to pick up the rest
 - ii. Item #17
 1. Next Summer's Mass schedule will be as per choice #2: 5pm Saturday, 8:30 & 10:30 am in English,with the Spanish mass at 12pm on Sunday. The vote tally was 33 votes for choice #1 and 70 votes for choice #2.
 - iii. Item #18
 1. How many people in the RCIA program

- a. 2 in Spanish group with another 2 that are tentative.
- b. 3 in the English Group with 1 tentative and 1 more possible person.

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

- i. June 23rd the Corpus Christi was well attended and was well received. Margie complimented the music and the Sea Cadet Band.
- ii. Aug 11th, Feast of St Frances de Chantal was well attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time at the celebration in de Chantal Hall.
- iii. Sun October 6th there will be a bi-lingual mass for the Feast of the Holy Rosary. We will be doing the living rosary after the mass.
- iv. Sun Oct 13th, 54 days of Rosary will be closing. We are working on having something at 4pm that same day to invite people to say the rosary and close out the 54 days of the rosary.
- v. Saturday, October 19th, at 12pm, there will be an Anointing Mass. Margie asked for everyone to help.
 1. Bernadett O'Hara suggested inviting the sisters and residents of Jeanne Jugan.
- vi. Fr Graham talked about the details concerning, Sunday, September 15th at 10am, the mass will be in remembrance of 9/11. There will be a procession, modeled after the Corpus Christi procession, down to the Redwood Club for a wreath laying ceremony. The St Frances de Chantal students will be involved in the procession as well as the Sea Cadets who will provide band music.
 1. Gene Lynch of the Redwood club was instrumental in putting it all together
 2. Marge Wiehler mentioned that there is an active American Legion group in Silver Beach that may be able to assist in occasions such as this one in the future.
- vii. Jim McQuade made 9/11 prayer cards and gave copies which were distributed to the parish council.

- **Area Mission/Evangelization (Monique Mousot):**

- i. The Evangelization, Spirituality and Marge Wiehler has been in touch with missionary priests. They have been spoken to about the activities we are planning for the coming year, and asked about their schedules as far as booking is concerned. All choices will be approved by Msgr Graham.
- ii. If done like last year we will have a 3 day mission / revival event in early Lent. The guest of honor has not been decided yet.
- iii. There will also be a separate 1 day event possibly:
 1. One of the priests mentioned a series of talks having to do with the Eucharist during Lent
 2. Fr Charles Mangano was spoken to. He is a preacher who also sings. His sister accompanies him and sings with him.
- iv. Monique also spoke about the Magnificat Catholic women's group. A group of 4 cars will be attending the dinner Thursday 9/12. It is an event that is either a Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner. This women's group is all over the world.
- v. Msgr mentioned that he spoke to the Holy Name Society and mentioned the need for a support group for families that have lost loved ones. Many may not come to church. We can reach out to them and ask them to come to church where they can meet with someone after mass and get support from members of the parish. It would help them with their loss.
- vi. Msgr also mentioned forming a group that would be an outreach to new parents after the Baptism of their children.
- vii. Msgr also mentioned a group that would reach out to newly married couples.
- viii. Monique mentioned that they are still waiting to hear back from the beach communities concerning the evening of prayer that we have held in those communities for the past 2 years.

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

- i. School has started
- ii. During the summer, on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the school air conditioners have been installed. Sister thanked Msgr and the parents group for the financial help that made it possible. The 1st floor needs work and talks are going on with the electrician on what must be done to install the air conditioning on the 1st floor. Sister mentioned that the air conditioning will be a big draw to bring in students.
- iii. Each year 1 floor of the school is being painted. Last year the 1st floor was painted. This year the 2nd floor will be painted.
- iv. Lighting was done in the school through the Con-Ed Grant
- v. The school received the Champions grant from the Archdiocese to replace the old wooden windows
- vi. UPK3 program
 1. 45 seats are all full. There are 160 names on the wait list.
 2. Parents do not pay for this program.
 3. The city picks the list of students who will attend.
 4. Because it is a NYC funded program there is no religious education allowed during the school hours for this program. There is religion classes offered after the end of the school day which does not violate the program rules. Most parents have their children attend religion classes.
 5. School enrollment stands at 327 students. That's up from 297 last year.
- vii. Sister answered that she was not sure if UPK3 guaranteed enrollment in UPK4
- viii. Sister was answered the question that most of the children are Catholic and that they are having activities to include families in order to bring them back to church

- **Social: Maria Brogli:**

- i. Maria thanked all who helped with the Bazaar this year. \$1400.00 was made from the bazaar.
- ii. Msgr also thanked the Young Teen Group who did face painting. It not only made the children have a wonderful time, it also raised an additional \$100.00 towards the bazaar
- iii. The talley for all 3 years was
 1. \$2400..1st
 2. \$2686..2nd
 3. \$1400 this year + \$100 from the face painting.
 4. Msgr said we will have to see what we do next year..
- b. Maria answered a question as per the inside sales at the bazaar Maria mentioned that inside sales were sponsored by Councilman Gjonaj. That he received 30% of sales we received 70%. Msgr added that Councilman was going to get sponsors for the carnival, and any monies donated would be distributed to the Catholic schools in his district.

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

- i. 50 students are enrolled in the CCD program as of this date. It is expected 25-30 more students will enroll by the deadline of Sept 25th.
- ii. There is a parent meeting on Sept 25th. Christie asked, that if you know anyone whose children attend CCD and have not registered, to ask them to go to the rectory to register their child.
- iii. All CCD teachers (catechists) are at least level 1 certified, and they are in the process of level 2 certification. Christie thanked Msgr Graham and Fr Robert for teaching them after their religious ed time.
- iv. Working to see if Preston HS students can come and be aides in the CCD classes.

- v. Christie and Sister Brito answered the question as per confirmation grade changing from grade 7 to 8.
 - 1. The CCD children's Confirmation will now take place in the 8th grade unlike St Frances de Chantal school children who have confirmation in the 7th grade. The reason stated is that the CCD children receive religious education 1x per week whereas the St Frances de Chantal students have religious education 5x per week.

- **Web Site Sean Moto:**

- i. Sean spoke as to the parish web site numbers and ways in which we can retain people to keep visiting the website. Eddie mentioned the live streaming that the Spanish prayer group does using Facetime and Youtube and how it has helped not only to retain but increase numbers. Sean mentioned how he tried to stream Fr Dennis's last mass and that the WiFi feed kept dropping due to a weak signal. Msgr Graham asked the cost to upgrade the signal, to look into it and let him know is feasible.
- b. Questions:
 - i. Bernadette O'Hara brought up photos on the web site. Sean explained that it takes a lot of time and effort and that they will go in
 - ii. Maria asked about statistics. Sean explained Google gathers the website statistics

- **Young Teen Group (Sarah Trosa):**

- i. The meetings start back up in October 4th.
- ii. There was a summer event to keep members engaged that 15 members attended. The hope is those 15 members and their friends will join the group this year.
- iii. Escape the cafe fundraiser will be held Sept 28-29. Sign up will be Sept 21st and 22nd after each mass. The cost is \$5.00 per person. It is open to all age groups. A group of 3 was recommended.

- **New Business: (Everyone)**

- i. None

- **Next Meeting:**

- i. 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Church
- ii. 90th Anniversary of the school
- iii. Maryanne will give dates for future bingo nights

- **Closing Prayer:**

Energy and time are precious, limited entities.
Therefore we need to use them wisely,
focusing on what is truly important.
If we walk closely with our Blessed Lord,
He will show us how to spend our time and energy,
His word is a lamp for our feet,
His presence a light for our path.
Amen.

PARISH COUNCIL - PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Carnival was successful. A report on the finances will be forthcoming.
2. The parish received an additional \$155,000 (total for the FY was nearly \$350,000) from the Archdiocese to pay our consolidated bills (insurances, pensions, school tax, etc) for the FY 2018/2019. We hope that our subsidy from the Archdiocese will be less in FY 2019/2020.
3. Thanks to a NYS program and an Archdiocesan loan, LED lighting was put into the school and the church. This should lower our ConEd electric bills and the loans will be repaid in 3 years. A new procedure has been instituted in the church --- lights are turned off after the Masses and this should save about 1 hour of unnecessary lights each day.
4. Maintenance of the landscaping continues on a regular basis and there will be a special aerating and seeding of the church property (about \$1000) done during the Fall months. At this time we cannot afford to do that procedure for the school, rectory and convent property. Special thanks to Leo who does extra landscaping work.
5. The St. Frances de Chantal bi-lingual Mass on August 11 was well-received and many thanks to the volunteers who prepared the reception. Also, thanks to the Liturgy/Spirituality Committee for their help and assistance.
6. The Farewell Mass for Fr. Dennis was well attended and again many thanks to the volunteers who prepared the reception. Also, thanks to the Liturgy/Spirituality Committee for their involvement.
7. The American Bombshell Evening in June was a popular event and the parish received \$1800 profit from the evening. Again, many thanks to the volunteers for the evening.
8. Additional partitions, tables and chairs have arrived for De Chantal Hall; the stage area is covered and finished; artificial trees enhance the space. Total cost was about \$18,000.

- 9. Good news from the school and a report will be given by Sister Patricia. School Confessions and Mass of the Holy Spirit next week.**
- 10. A 9/11 memorial Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 10 am with our elementary school children as well as the involvement of the Redwood Club and the Fire Department.**
- 11. Some repairs have been done in the convent with plumbing and roof work. 8 New postulants arrived on September 7.**
- 12. The Cardinal's Appeal is in its last phase and final letters will be sent to those who have not made a gift. We have about \$40,000 towards our goal of \$73,000. Donations are most welcome. RENEW+REBUILD continues and those parishioners who have made a commitment are asked to fulfill their pledge.**
- 13. Work on the HVAC System is to begin shortly. We were lucky that our a/c worked well during the summer and now our thoughts are on HEAT.**
- 14. Tentative plans are in the works for the Living Rosary, Anointing of the Sick Mass, Alumni Reunion Mass in October, Rainbow Club fundraiser, Recovery Sunday on September 29.**
- 15. We hope that the Board of Elections will select us as a site for EARLY VOTING. De Chantal Hall will be rented and the fee is very attractive; De Chantal Hall was rented for election training in August and we expect a check for about \$2500 for that rental.**
- 16. Life Screening was here in the summer and the program was oversubscribed; the Holy Name Society held a Summer Blood Drive and more than 40 pints were donated; Flu shots will be available on September 22 from 9 to 2 pm in De Chantal Hall.**
- 17. Regarding the modified SUMMER 2020 MASS SCHEDULE, the following numbers are in: 27 votes for 5, 8:30, 10 and 12 noon Spanish and 59 votes for 5, 8:30, 10:30 and 12 noon Spanish. The modified schedule would run from July 5 until September 6.**
- 18. The RCIA program has started with classes in English and in Spanish. Many thanks to our Deacon Vazquez and his wife, Elizabeth for teaching these classes. CCD will begin tomorrow.**