

# SFDC Parish Council Minutes 10-1-19

<b>Location:</b>	De Chantal Hall	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Jim Corbett</b>
<b>Date:</b>	09/10/2018	<b>Note Taker:</b>	Peter Moussot
<b>Time:</b>	7pm – 8:00pm	<b>Call In #:</b>	<b>Revised:</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Patricia Brito, Maria Brogli, Nancy Carfora, Liz Castagna, Christi Chiapetti- Costa, Theresa Chrinos, John Connolly, Jim Corbett, Heribito Diaz, Margie DiSilvio, Liz Donnelly, Fr. Ricardo Garcia, Msgr John Graham, Marianne Hughes, Marianne Keeney, Rosemary Lillis, Jack McCarrick, Peggy McKeegan, Donna McVey, Ysidoro Mora, Madeleine Morani, Sean Mota, Monique Moussot, Peter Moussot, John Mullane, Teila Narcisco, Margie O'Brien, Bernadette O'Hara, Reynaldo Ramirez, Candida Rosa, Sarah Trosa, Jonathan Trosa, Antonio Valdez, Fernando Vazquez, Marge Wiehler</p> <p><b>Excused:</b> Eileen Albin, Joy Costan Vanadio, Father Dennis Iddamalghoda, Edward McCauley, Fr. Robert Mensah, Isabel Soto,</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Leo Gonzalez, Sandra Maldonado, Dan Trosa</p> <p><b>Observers:</b> Jack Murphy</p>		

**The next Meeting is November 12th @ 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	

## Listing of Websites mentioned during Parish Council Meeting:

- <https://sfdchantal.org/>
- <https://sfdchantal.org/spanish-charismatic-prayer-group>
- <https://fatherlou.com/>.....Fr. Lou Cerulli
- <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/>
- <http://materdeimusicministry.org>.....Fr Charles Mangano
- <https://formed.org/>

- **Opening Prayer: All**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.  
On October 7th, 1571,  
the Christian fleet,  
defeated a superior Ottoman Muslim fleet,  
to stop the westward expansion of Islam in the Mediterranean.  
As a result,  
Pope Pius the V, instituted,  
The Feast of Our Lady of Victory,  
which is celebrated to this day,  
on October 7th,  
as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.  
And in 1883,  
when Pope Leo the XIII,  
officially dedicated the month of October,  
to the Rosary,  
he referenced the Battle and the feast.  
May we be continued to be inspired,  
by the power of prayer,  
especially when we honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary.

- **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: Margie DiSilvio Seconded By: John Connolly
  
- **Pastors Reports:** *The full Report can be found at the end of the minutes*
  - i. Monsignor thanked everyone who was at the meeting, for all of the work that they do for the parish. He thanked them for all of their support.
  - ii. Questions pertaining to Pastors Report
  - iii. **Item #11**
    - 1. Will second collection be advertised in the bulletin.
      - a. The second collection on the 26th and 27th of October for Catholic Relief Services, will be in the bulletin and announced from the pulpit
      - b. There is no other 2nd collection on those 2 days therefore the reason for doing it on those particular days.
  - iv. **Item #2**
    - 1. Number of people involved in RCIA :answered by deacon
      - a. Spanish: 1 for sure and 2 pending
      - b. English: 4 for sure and 1 hopeful.
      - c. There is one other candidate, but it may be too late for this year
  - v. **Item #6**
    - 1. Renew and rebuild is the painting of church ceiling still on the agenda if we get enough money.
      - a. Yes it is.
      - b. There are several items still on the agenda all dependent on the monies we receive.
      - c. John Connolly brought up that he spoke to Nick from the Knights of Columbus, and that with the LED lights a decrease from \$7,500.00 to 3-4 thousand dollars is absolutely correct...Monsignor is hoping next month will be the same.
  - vi. **Item #4**
    - 1. How many people park in the church lot during the week
      - a. Monsignor estimates between 35-50
      - b. Every parker received an envelope respectfully asking for a donation of \$500.00 for the year to help with the upkeep of the parking lot. So far there have been no donations given.
      - c. Deacon brought up that a person who lives across the street from the lot parked there and went to their home
      - d. The Marina del Rey asks permission to park their cars in the lot if they need extra space for an event. There is no financial transaction that takes place although if we need something they may reciprocate but it is does not happen very often.
      - e. It was asked where do we go from here if there are no donations.. Monsignor answered there is no next step, it would have to go into a business as a parking lot. It was mentioned that we would need 5 million in insurance for a business like that. A chain was mentioned but the majority agreed it would not work.
  - vii. **Item #1**
    - 1. What is the CCD enrollment
      - a. Last year was 82 year before around 85. It has been less than 100
    - 2. 31 students in CCD were confirmed. There were 22 from the school
    - 3. Sean mentioned the fact that we are involving the families and how important it is that parents be involved

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

- i. Sunday October 6th the 11:30 mass will be a bi-lingual mass and will be followed by the Living Rosary. Each group will stand and recite a decade of the rosary together and then place roses by the statue of Our Lady. Monsignor also invited parishioners to place roses if they liked
- ii. October 13th is the end of the 54 day Novena. We will celebrate it at 3pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 4pm will begin the recitation of the rosary. The sisters of Life may be involved, we are waiting to hear back from them.
- iii. October 19th there will be an Anointing Mass starting at 12 noon. It will be followed by a light lunch.
- iv. Locust Point will participate in an Advent Blessing. The exact date is to be determined.

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

- i. All is well since last meeting
- ii. Opening Mass for kindergarten up to 8th grade. Many family members attended
- iii. 1st Fundraiser of the year for phase 2 of Electricity and Air Conditioning upgrade.
- iv. Enrollment this year is 327. That is 31 more than last year.
- v. All academic programs are up and running
- vi. End of October starts the extra curricular activities as well as after school programs.
- vii. Envelopes in the back of the church for fundraiser runs to October 16th with delivery by the 28th
  1. Suggestions
    - a. Bernadette suggested that we start advertising the school sports games in the bulletin. This would inform parishioners and hopefully inspire them to attend.

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

- i. The escape room event was a success. 15 teams participated. People asked that there be 2 events held each year
- ii. The 1st meeting will be held Friday October 1st.
- iii. The Lip Sync competition will be held Saturday January 4th.

- **CCD Christi Chiapetti-Costa:**

- i. Over 70 students have enrolled for Religious Ed
- ii. Tomorrow is the 4th session
- iii. Attendance has been really good. Hopefully mass attendance will be just as good.
- iv. The general parents meeting was held . Only 6 families missed the meeting. This is an improvement.
- v. The parents have received their textbooks, and mass envelopes and folders with all pertinent dates etc.
- vi. As of now CCD has 6-7 Preston HS students helping as CCD aides
- vii. Christie thanked Sister for accommodating the CCD classes.
- viii. Christie asked the young teen group if they would like to talk to level 6&7 about the teen group to let her know.

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

- i. Fr Lou Cerulli is coming Saturday Dec 7th to our parish. <https://fatherlou.com/>
  1. His ministry includes Canada and the USA
  2. Talks about Healing, Power and Love of the Eucharist
  3. Willing to speak at the Holy hour December 6th.
  4. 2-3 pm will be a talk, followed by a break and then a 2nd talk. The day will conclude with a Mass.
  5. He takes you through each part of the Mass. Explains it Historically and Scriptually and how to put yourself in the presence of the Holy Spirit of the living God.
  6. We will discuss and need help in order to advertise and promote this event.
  7. He is willing to come even if only 2 people show up.
- ii. October 2nd is the first steering committee meeting of the Deanery for the 2020 Revival / Mission / Lenten Series.
  1. We have contacted many preachers and teachers.
  2. We will let you know what will happen after tomorrow's meeting.
  3. It looks like we will have a lenten series happening over several weeks instead of 3-4 consecutive nights. Although it has not been fully decided yet.
  4. Fr. Charles Mangano and his sister Laurie would be able to come 1 night in March.  
<http://materdeimusicministry.org>
    - a. Have a TV show in Long Island
    - b. They are a singing duet
    - c. Father gives talks on healing and repentance and conversion.
  5. We do other people in mind but, if you know of anyone or have a suggestion, please let us know.
- iii. John Mullane mentioned that Edgewater will have their All Souls Prayer Day on November 2nd @7pm.
- iv. Jim and Liz are working on Silver Beach's day of prayer
- b. Questions pertaining to Fr Lou Cerulli
  - i. His home base is in Canada.
  - ii. His is very big within the Magnificat Ministry
  - iii. This is his full time ministry

- **Social: Maria Brogli:**

- a. No news reported

- **Web Site Sean Moto:**

- i. We had 1154 visits to the parish website this month
- ii. Sean talked about Formed website and what a valuable asset it can be. He also encouraged everyone to sign up and utilize it.
- iii. He also asked if our parish will be getting it for the year. Monsignor answered that he had not heard anything about it as per yet.

- **New Business: (Everyone)**

- i. Maryanne Keeney

- 1. mentioned that there is a date conflict between St Theresa's Church and St Frances's Church Bingo night. And will update everyone with the new November date once it is worked out.
    - 2. The May Bingo date will remain the same

- ii. Monique Mousot

- 1. Mentioned that she went to the Magnificat leader conference with Margie
      - a. The theme was revitalization
      - b. The Wild Goose video series was also talked about and encouraged to watch.
        - i. Jim Corbett mention how we all get questioned about the Catholic Church and it would be a good tool to use. <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/>

- iii. John Mullane

- 1. The Sea cadets help us at certain functions. Are they coming to the parish.
      - a. Monsignor mentioned that the issue has to do with practice time and storage.
      - b. Monsignor is willing to meet with Joseph Rhonda, he is a very nice gentleman, but he does not know how we can accommodate the sea cadets at this time.
      - c. A discussion ensued as per why they left St Frances.

- iv. Jack McCarrick

- 1. Shared Holy Name News
    - 2. On October 13th John Cummings will be a speaker at their meeting
    - 3. On October 20th the Archdiocese will have a Holy Name-Holy Hour at Holy Rosary Church . All are welcome to attend
    - 4. Monique mentioned the Jim Mcquade Luncheon and that the Holy Name is sponsoring tables. Contact Jack if you have any questions

- v. Liz Donnelly asked if Monsignor went to the Archdiocese meeting

- 1. He was unable to make it due to a prior engagement
    - 2. The info can be found on the flock notes if anyone would care to read them.
    - 3. Sr Patricia, Deacon and Fr Ricardo was there.

- vi. John Connolly mentioned that:

- 1. 338-342 persons compensated to 67 million dollars.
    - 2. No parishioners money was used to pay these lawsuits. There was an insurance policy and a long term loan.
    - 3. He mentioned how this should be put out there to alleviate peoples fear who do not want to give money to help pay for the scandal, that their money is not being used for the lawsuits. Maybe people will start to give to their parishes again if they were aware of this fact.
    - 4. He also mentioned that the Cardinal said:
      - a. church attendance is not down
      - b. seminarians are not down
      - c. Contributions to the church are slightly down,
      - d. converts to the Catholic Church are up to about 2000 a year
      - e. Since 2002 when the abuses came to light only 2 abuses have happened that are corroborated.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. Monsignor asked that we pray for the priests and deacons.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday. November 12th @ 7pm in de Chantal Hall**
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion Made by: Marianne      2nd by: Bernie
- **Closing Prayer:**

Hail Mary full of Grace, The Lord is with You.  
Blessed are thou among women  
And blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus  
Truly present in the Holy Eucharist,  
Fully alive in your Immaculate Heart  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

**The Full Pastor's Report follows on the next page.**

## **PASTOR'S REPORT - OCTOBER 1, 2019**

- 1. School opened with an increased enrollment; Mass of the Holy Spirit last Wednesday; new recruits for altar servers are being trained from the elementary school and the religious education program; 71 students are enrolled in CCD classes and parents had an introductory meeting last Wednesday.**
- 2. RCIA program has started in English and in Spanish.**
- 3. Thank you to the Spirituality/Liturgy Committee for their great work in regard to the Living Rosary and for their involvement with the forthcoming revival/mission event. Plans are underway for an Advent Weekend with the Eucharist --- First Friday talk, Holy Name presentation, afternoon of reflection, etc. The Sisters of Life will conduct the First Friday Mass and Holy Hour in December. Plans are being formalized for a Women's Day of Recollection at their motherhouse in Connecticut as well as a retreat day for our middle school directed by the Sisters of Life.**
- 4. Modest repairs and renovations have been made to our church parking lot. Letters were placed on the windshields of the people of the parking lot explaining our repairs, etc and asking for a donation of \$500 towards the expenses of \$6000. So far, NADA!**
- 5. The parish received about \$2500 for the use of de Chantal Hall for the training of the poll workers. We hope to receive about \$15,000 for the use of the Hall for early elections. These checks are deposited in our operating account and certainly help the bottom line.**
- 6. The Cardinal's Appeal continues to struggle to meet the goal of \$73,000; the RENEW+REBUILD CAMPAIGN continues to send out notices to fulfill the pledges made. We received at the end of August a deposit of \$19,300 for RENEW+REBUILD PROJECTS (repair and welding of lower church gates, school building, outdoor lights, chairs, tables and dollies for de Chantal Hall, partitions in de Chantal Hall).**
- 7. Many thanks to all who assisted with our 9/11 Mass, blessing and procession to the Redwood Club --- servers, students, readers, musicians, Sea Cadets, fire and police departments, ushers, Spirituality/Liturgy Committee --- it was a very moving event for us.**



**8. The sports program has started and again many thanks to the volunteers under the direction of Mr. Ed McCauley who give so much time and energy to our children.**

**9. Welcome to our new priest, Father Ricardo Garcia. He will be kept very busy and already he is working on a bus trip to Washington DC with the Sacred Heart Ladies of the parish and St. Raymond's Parish and also an Advent Day of Recollection in Spanish.**

**10. We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 19 at 12 noon; on Sunday, October 20 at the 11:30 am Mass we will say thank you and farewell to Sister Joan O'Leary who served here for so many years in the bereavement group, senior spirituality, home visits and the Rainbow Club. She and Sister Peggy are "retiring" to Sparkill to work with the senior sisters there.**

**11. There will be a special 2nd collection for the Bahamas on the weekend of October 26/27.**

**12. Plans are being made for the special ALL SAINTS MASS with our student saints in costume; plans are being made for the ALL SOULS SERVICE at the firehouse in Edgewater on November 2.**

**13. Sacramental classes for parents whose children are receiving Penance, Communion and Confirmation will be held in October; CCD teachers will begin their certification classes in October; Samaritan Shoebox Project will begin at the end of October with our guest speaker, Ms. Maeve.**

**14. Engineering plans have been drawn up for the heating system in the church; the school boiler project continues and the heating season is fast approaching; 40 new windows have been installed in the school thanks to a grant secured by Sister Patricia; roofing work needs to be done in the convent and the school; LED lighting in the church seems to have lowered the ConED bill but I will give a report next meeting when I see several more bills! The parish has been approved to receive a "loan" of \$250,000 from the Archdiocese for parish bills for 2019/2020. We should have our annual spiritual and financial report ready for the December meeting --- facts and figures are being compiled. Some modest landscaping has been done to the church property --- we cannot afford to do the entire property.**