

SFDC Parish Council Minutes 12-3-19

Location:	De Chantal Hall	Leader:	Jim Corbett		
Date:	12/3/2019	Note Taker:	Maria Brogli		
Time:	7pm – 8:00pm	Call In #:		Revised:	
Attendees:	<p>Present: Donna McVey, Msgr. John Graham, Liz Castagna, Margie DiSilvio, Margie O'Brien, Maria Brogli, Monique Mousot, Nancy Carfora, Patricia Brito, Rosemary Lillis, John Connolly, Dan Trosa, Sean Mota, Teila Narcisco, Fr. Ricardo, Deacon Fernando, Madeleine Morani & Paul Sciacchitano, Bernadette O'Hara, Peter Mousot, Ed McCauley, Ysidro Mora, Antonia Valdez, Reynaldo Ramierz, Christi Chiapetti Costa, Jim Corbett, Liz Donnelly, Maryanne Keeney, Gerthani Pigerá, Jack McCarrick, Eddie Diaz, Leo Gonzalez, Sarah Gonzalez, Joy Costan,</p> <p>Excused: Isabell Soto, Eileen Albin, Marge Wiehler, Marianne Hughes, Peggy McKeegan</p> <p>Absent:</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. Evangelization:	Monique Mousot	
6. SFDC School	Sister Patricia Brito	
7. New Business	Open	
8. Next Meeting	Officers	
9. Closing Prayer	All	

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Notes (Minutes)

- **Opening Prayer: All**
- **Pledge of Allegiance: All**
- **Minutes Approval**
- **Pastors Reports:** See attached sheets - questions on reports are below-

Spiritual Report -

- We are still waiting for payment from the Board of Elections
- Church building was surveyed in preparation for the HVAC system. Cost was \$3600, paid from Renew & Rebuild
- Estimated cost for convent roof replacement is \$100,000 - \$140,000, they are being examined for asbestos

Social Report -

- 2 showings of the movie Unplanned in DeChantal hall in Jan 25th. 1 pm and 3 pm. A 15 minute presentation before each meeting from Tom Weiner of ADNY

Liturgy Report (Margie Disilvio):

Evangelization (Monique Mousot):

- Due to illness Fr. Lou will not be coming for the day of recollection. He will be rescheduled.
- Lenten series are in the works. A confirmed schedule will be presented at the next meeting

SFDC School (Sister Patricia Brito):

- Thank you for your support for our recent Christmas Card Sale. The students sold over half of our order after the Masses. Again thank you.
- Christmas Shows – Under the direction of Christi Costa and classroom teachers the children are preparing for the Christmas Show on Tuesday, December 17 th at 7:00pm grades Kindergarten-5 th and Wednesday, December 18 th at 1:00pm for UPK3 and UPK4. Surely a better than Broadway performance.
- Our elementary grades will take part in the parish Nativity on Christmas Eve.
- We have Advent Confessions this week for our students. We will also attend the 9:00am Mass on Monday, December 9 th .
- Our Thanksgiving Food Drive culminated with our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 26 th as we brought our Food Baskets to church and were delivered to St. Theresa's, St. Anthony's and Jean Jugan. An abundance of food was collected.
- We are looking forward to our 2 week Christmas Vacation!

New Business: December 14 – Lessons and Carols...Our subscription for FORMED was renewed – we have 103 users. Thank you to Sean for the amount of work he does on the website.

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The meeting came to a close:
We had a Closing Prayer:

After the meeting there was a celebration Honoring Msgr. Graham for his 45th Anniversary being ordained a priest

The following blurb was placed in the parish bulletin:

CONGRATULATIONS TO MSGR. JOHN GRAHAM

Celebrating his 45th Anniversary being Ordained as a priest!

On behalf of the entire parish, the St. Frances de Chantal Parish Council presented Msgr. Graham with an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis, and a commemorative box inscribed with a quote from his ordination prayer ...

“What return shall I make to the Lord for his goodness to me ... I will take up the cup of salvation and praise the name of the Lord.”

May the Love & Joy of our Lord continue to be with Msgr. John Graham as he continues his holy and blessed work.

PASTOR'S REPORT - DECEMBER 3, 2019

1. We are still awaiting our payment from the Board of Elections for the use of de Chantal Hall for Early Voting as well as the usual payment for Election Day.
2. The church building was surveyed in preparation for the installation of the HVAC system. The cost for the survey was \$3600 and it was paid for from the RENEW+REBUILD funds.
3. The roofs of the convent will be examined for asbestos and proposals for replacement roofs will be forthcoming. The estimated costs vary between \$100,000 and \$140,000 for the 3 roofs. More to come.
4. Advent Prayer Service was held at Locust Point Community Center on Monday, December 2. A report from Margie will be delivered.
5. The elementary school sponsored a Christmas Card sale and many thanks for those who supported the effort. More from Sister Patricia.
6. The elementary school celebrated Thanksgiving Mass on last Tuesday with a contingent of pilgrims and native Americans. Each class in the school donated a large box of food items for the pantries of St. Theresa and St. Anthony parishes. We even had extra boxes that went to the Jean Jugan Residence. Also, many thanks to the parishioners for their donations of food items.
7. Due to a health issue, Father Lou Cerulli will not be here for the Day of Recollection on Saturday. We will re-schedule his visit. There will be a Day of Recollection on Our Lady of Guadalupe presented by one of the professors from St. Joseph's Seminary, Luz Aguilar. We will begin at 2 pm and conclude at 4 pm with confessions. This afternoon will be in Spanish. Also, the Hispanic Community is organizing a pre-Christmas Prayer Service (bi-lingual) for December 21 at 7:30 pm with prayers, hymns and a reception. There will also be a bi-lingual Mass for the 3 Kings on Sunday, January 5 at 1 pm with the kings, face-painting, gifts for the children. All are invited.
8. Thanks to Ms. Christi, the CCD Family Day #1 was a success with a larger number of families in attendance on November 24 for Mass and a family activity.

Thanks to the teachers and volunteers for making this a success. However, there are still many parents who do not respond to the activity.

9. The Class of 1969 was present for Mass and a luncheon on November 16 and the class is eager to help Sister Patricia with a school project. More to come.

10. Monday, December 16 is RECONCILIATION MONDAY ... confessions will be available from 4 pm until 7 pm in the church.

11. Children in the elementary school and the CCD program will be coming to confession during the first two weeks of December.

12. Christmas Tree Blessing at Edgewater on December 8 in the evening; celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 8 with mariachi music and reception; Immaculate Conception Masses on December 9 at 8 am and 9 am with the elementary school; Blood Drive on December 15; Christmas Shows in the school on December 17 and 18; Christmas Eve bi-lingual Mass at 5 pm with procession, blessing of the crib, brass ensemble and choir music; Christmas Day Masses at 8:30 am and 10 am; New Year's Eve Mass at 7 pm and New Year's Day Mass at 9 am; Coat Drive begins December 26 (COATS ONLY) --- more information from Marge.

13. Thank you to Liz and Leo for their work on the Advent Wreath. Christmas flowers have been ordered --- delivery mid-December.

14. We will be collecting for Mercy Center --- simple UNWRAPPED toys for boys and girls of all ages. Gifts will be collected on Tuesday, December 17. We have received a donation of 3 boxes of Christmas books for Mercy Center.

15. Bethlehem Handicraft thanks the parish for its welcome and generosity. Also, we have 18 pilgrims who are VERY interested in the July pilgrimage. We are hoping for a solid number of 22 for the pilgrimage.