

St Frances de Chantal Parish Council

March 3, 2021

Opening:

The regular meeting of the St. Frances de Chantal Parish Council was called to order at 7 pm March 3rd, 2021 by Jim Corbett.

Attendance:

Present in St. Frances de Chantal

Christi Costa	Margie DiSilvio
Fr. Ricardo Garcia	Margie O'Brien
Fr. Robert Mensah	Marianne Hughes
Deacon Don Vazquez	Monique Mousot
Jack McCarrick	Monsignor John Graham
Jim Corbett	Peter Mousot
Bernadette O'Hara	Sean Mota
Liz Castagna	Rosemary Lillis
Liz Donnelly	Marge Wiehler

Attended via ZOOM

Joy Costan Vandio
Sr. Patricia Brito
Jack Murphy

Excused

Nancy Carfora

Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from December / Pastor's Report

- The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with addendum that Sarah and Jonathan Trosa attended the December meeting via Zoom.
- Little Sisters of the poor asked for donations of snacks, individual bags of chips etc., for their residents. Monsignor will place the request in the bulletin
- Monsignor was asked to hear confessions at the Jeanne Jugan home.
- De Chantal Hall was offered to be used for the distribution for vaccines - no response yet.
 - Ex Chief of Transit Officer Eddie Delatorre, suggested the hall may be used to vaccinate retired police officers and then afterwards their families
 - Maria mentioned that we could get in touch with the group that previously offered the Flu shot in de Chantal Hall for vaccinations
 - Suggestion made that the Social Activities Committee could gather a waiting list of parishioners interested in getting the Covid vaccination.
- **School:** -Sister Patricia
 - The school had a good break.
 - They had their ring ceremony for the senior students of the school
 - The school now has 3 international students.
- **CDD** - Christi Costa
 - Most of CCD students are attending class in person
 - Was told by parent that coming to CCD on Saturday felt like coming to see family.

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- **Holy Name Society** – Jack McCarrick No news
- **Nocturnal Adoration**- Bernadette O’Hara – No news
- **Social Activities Committee** - Maria Brogli - No news.
- **Spirituality / Liturgy** – Margie DiSilvio
 - Nothing at the moment to report
 - Will be meeting next Monday, March 8th, to discuss future plans
- **Evangelization** - Monique Moussot
 - The Pastor’s monthly email reaches over 300 parishioners via Gmail service. We are almost at capacity for the free service.
 - We are testing the possibility of transferring over to the Archdiocese Flock Notes for email and text communications.
 - Marianne Hughes has been successfully communicating with the Lectors via Flock notes.
 - Monique, Marianne and Peter have been taking classes and they will begin doing further tests with members of the parish organizations. Let Peter know if you want to be add you to the list.
 - Monique spoke about, Magnificat. This is a Catholic women’s group dedicated to bringing women back to the Church. Although there have been no in person meetings due to covid, the group has been very active online, and is growing with over 100 chapters across the country. Requests for Archdiocese approval to allow the first chapter in the NY city metro were submitted.
- **New Business**- All
 - Marge Wiehler mentioned that being the Sunday collections have been so successful, maybe we could expand it by having collections in the back of other things, such as diapers for the sisters of life etc.
 - Monsignor cautioned that we must ensure that the vestibule of the church remains a place of respect and does not turn into the temple Jesus warns us about.
 - Sean Moto spoke about the parish website, there were 1000 people who visited the site in February. He also mentioned FORMED and the Lenten Series they have running,” A Case for Jesus” is worthwhile and encouraged the council to watch it.
 - Marge Wiehler spoke about the weekly Masses with no intentions listed. Monsignor answered by explaining that many people call for a mass after the bulletin has already been printed, and that the family is told the name will not appear in the bulletin and that the priest has the name of the person on the altar. Monsignor also mentioned that the priest also have private and family intentions that are being offered during those masses.

Next Meeting – April 13

Closing Prayer / Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm by Jim Corbett.
- The next general meeting will be at 7 pm on April 13 in the church