



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – July 9, 2019

Elected Members Present: Deborah Harrison, Lourdes Eyer, Christine Forbes, Kevin Green, Pam Vogt

Elected Members Absent: Ross Terranova, Kevin Maher, Peter Adams

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm., Deacon Carl Locatelli

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Parish Members Present:

The meeting began with prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2019, were accepted.

The following updates were given:

Ministry Reports:

Administration & Stewardship:

Nothing to report.

Education & Faith Formation:

Nothing to report.

Christian Services:

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is gathering this Friday evening to make more blankets because all the women's blankets have been distributed and men's were very limited. There is no reason to believe that requests won't continue at this steady pace. Rebecca's goal, then, is to make enough with her group to get to fall. At that time, a date will be set to include the Confirmation candidates in a blanket-making evening, which will result in about 30-40 blankets to then be blessed at the Masses.

Social Activities:

The French Toast Breakfast was held between the Masses on July 14. Considering the time of year, turnout wasn't bad, about 75.

Welcome:

At the French Toast Breakfast, five newly-registered parishioners were introduced. Additionally, two babies who were baptized since the last breakfast and one infant who was to be baptized the following Saturday were welcomed to the St. Paul's community.

Worship & Spiritual Life:

- The intent is to pair seasoned altar servers with the new ones; however, between summer vacation and some of the older servers "aging out" without requesting to be taken off the schedule, altar server service is not always as consistent as it should be.
- The Youth Ministry's end-of-the-year party/summer kickoff celebration on Friday, June 21, was a huge success, drawing 27 kids and 12 adult chaperones. Some adults even introduced a couple of new kids to the program, which made a splash with them thanks to water balloons that evening. Rick and Julie Dzurilla took complete initiative, preparing scores of burgers and hot dogs for the hungry fifth- through twelfth-graders. The only complaint was that of a kid cursing. Obviously, if it had it been heard by an adult, it would have been addressed immediately.

Deb Harrison will be teaching the Confirmation program in the fall, which will afford her the opportunity to establish a connection between them and the Youth Ministry, as well. She expects to hear an "OK, I'm here begrudgingly" that will turn into, "OK, it was fun."

- Deb Harrison will also be meeting with 12th Rock ministry sooner rather than later to discuss the basketball hoop.

Vicar's Report (Fr. Sean Harlow, O.Carm.)

- Fr. Sean thanked the Parish Council for its gift to the Carmelite Missions in honor of his 50th Jubilee. He noted it was especially welcomed this year because the Carmelite missionaries were not invited to as many parishes to do appeals this summer.
- Jacob Smith has presented an outline of his Eagle Scout project to Fr. Sean, which will result in pavers leading from the sidewalk to the outdoor Shrine, as well as an expansion of concrete in front of the Shrine. Between the sale of carnations at church and private donations, the cost of supplies was covered. The question was raised as to how to get water to that area. There is a spigot on the opposite side of the church; all that's needed is a long hose or two.

Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harrison)

Nothing to report.

Other business

- Now that Michael McCabe is a Deacon, although it might be difficult for

him to attend Parish Council meetings, he should, at the very least, be on the list to received all PC communications – including the minutes.

- Discussion ensued regarding the St. Paul's website: What's our traffic like? Where are those analytics found? Are there suggestions for additions to the site?

The meeting closed at 7:08 p.m. with prayer.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti