

St. George Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Feb. 26, 2017

Parish Council Meeting Start Time: 6:33

Location – **Lattanzi Room**

**Attendees** - Fr. Stephen, Fr. Alex, Tammy Afragola, Maureen Goss, Mary Hally, Tony Pinto, Anthony Sicignano, Kathy Thomas, Margot Burkle, Paul Wettemann, Helen Keiser-Pedersen, Cara Moore, Francine Wainer, Chris Kranick

**Absent:** Sue Weady, Brooke Sheldon

**Guests** – No guests

**Opening Reflection/Prayer** – Maureen Goss

**Welcome** – Tony Sicignano

**Approval & Acceptance of January Minutes** – Tony Pinto and Maureen Goss

**Special Projects**

**By-Laws** – Francine Wainer distributed a copy of the proposed changes, which were suggested by the By-Laws Committee. The Council members reviewed the proposed changes, asked questions and discussed further. After the Council members made several more revisions, it was decided that Francine would retype and redistribute the By-Laws with the most current revisions. A final review and vote will take place at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Listening Campaign** – Tammy Afragola shared the progress of the Listening Campaign with the Council members. She stated that the Campaign was going well and coming along nicely. It was decided that another appeal would take place on the weekend of March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> in order to increase the number of participants. Tammy will contact Lori Roche to ask her to email all the CCD families about the campaign and ask them if they'd consider being interviewed.

## **Reports**

**Peer Ministers** – Tony Sicignano will continue his conversation with Claire in order to get two Peer Ministers to attend the balance of the Parish Council meetings. It was suggested that Peer Ministers start in their Jr. year and stay on through their senior year. Tony will speak with Claire about this new arrangement.

**OLM** – Mary Hally – Mary submitted a written report but also announced that OLM's Spring Auction would take place on April 22, 6:30 at OLM . She also announced that OLM has been given permission to begin a Feasibility Study to investigate the possibility of building a new school. The current lease has been increased to run through June 2019.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Stephen went in to more detail regarding OLM's Feasibility Report. There is a piece of property the Archdiocese currently owns that would be considered as the site for a new building. Father stated that there would be an extensive amount of research that will need to go into this project and time would be needed to review all avenues of this plan.

Our Parish is in preparations for the Lenten Season; also our Easter planning is underway as well.

The Children's Choir began this weekend.

The Parish Budget was approved and the financial Annual Report was signed off on and sent to the Archdiocese. Our weekly donations are down a bit, however, the Matthew 25 has remained the same as last year.

The Parish Annual Report has been compiled and will be ready for print by Mid March.

The Website has been revised and we also now have a mobile app. The app will contain updates, as they are made available.

Pastoral Planning - The Shoreline Deanery has been revamped and expanded. The new Deanery now incorporates not only the entire shoreline but also all points west.

## **Parishioners' Comments** –

One Council member noticed that we have many open seats but people still stand. Our Ushers should attempt to seat those parishioners. Father also noticed this and did ask our ushers to help seat people. Every effort will

now be taken to be sure that our parishioners will be seated comfortably.

An elderly person wanted to call Church to ask for help with snow removal. She thought there was a ministry that provided that service. That made Maureen think it would be wonderful if our Parish offered services like that. Bethel Assembly of God does something like this where they will go to people's homes and help with repairs, small projects, etc.

**Open Forum** – see above

**Closing Prayer** - Maureen Goss

Date for Next Meeting: March. 26, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Upcoming Dates for PC meetings:

April 23, May 28 (Memorial Day w/e – to be rescheduled), June 25

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Tammy Afragola