

## **St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2019**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

### **Attendees:**

Clergy: Fr. Stephen Sledesky, Fr. Ricardo, Deacon Bob

Trustees: Margot Burkle

Members Present: Maureen Fuest, Maureen Goss, Rose Ann Kelley, Joyce Ippolito, Joe Nelly, Tony Sicignano, Diana Harris, Valerie LeShane, Hellen Pedersen, Kat Wallace, Laurie Laterza

Peer Ministers: Caroline Burkle, Elizabeth Abernathy

Visitors: Betty Jane Schiller,

Absent: Dick Holland, Deacon Bob, Bill White

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Fr. Stephen

**Welcome/Acceptance of January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes:** Tony made motion to accept minutes, Helen seconded and everyone accepted unanimously.

### **Peer Ministry Report:**

- Caroline reported that they had another very successful Confirmation retreat at Trinita.
- There was a slide show about human trafficking shown to the 9-10<sup>th</sup> grade CCD students
- The last CCD class will be on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A fund raiser to Mohegan is planned for Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>; trip is being planned by the Knights of Columbus. Bus and buffet dinner is included in \$40 ticket price. Proceeds will go towards the Italy trip for Peer Ministers.
- There are approximately 100 students making their Confirmation on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents were invited to a meeting where presentations were given by Shawn Scanlon, Officer Shove, Ryan Nichols, George Sullivan and a mother of a son who overdosed

### **Pastor's Report:**

- EOY financial report was sent to the diocese. This year's financial report will include two years. Report will be brought to next PC meeting.
- It was decided that there will be no Annual Appeal campaign this year and instead we will ask for increased giving in the weekly offertory collection. This will be explained in the financial report sent to all parishioners.

- Electronic giving initiative was discussed; people will be able to sign up on line using their credit card or cell phone app.
- Archdiocese will present the St. Joseph's Medal of Appreciation to Bill and Clare White on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Hartford. Breakfast after the 8:30 Mass to honor and celebrate this.
- Simple dinner during some Sunday's during Lent.
- Faith Festival Day being planned.
- There are 4 RCIA candidates preparing to take the final preparation and two will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

#### **New Business:**

- The Council discussed and nominated Laurie Laterza to the PC committee and everyone unanimously agreed.
- Margot volunteered to get the photos and bios of Council members from Colleen.
- It was decided that we would hold Mini-fairs of the numerous ministries and Fr. Will speak with Bonnie before we set up the first date. Maureen F. and Betty Jane will work with Bonnie and the Ministry leaders.
- Diana Harris will lead the project on the display of pamphlets of the different ministries, the display case, mission and vision statement, logo, etc. Val, Laurie and Joyce will assist Diana.
- Fr. Dan, pastor of St. Margaret's was appointed Chairman of the Campaign "Forward With Faith", an archdiocesan foundation for funding projects.
- Sr. Kathleen and Cara Correll are coordinating the Summer Bible Camp, to be held the week of July 22-26<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion of an electronic bulletin board, announcement monitors, easels, website, weekly bulletin and other options was tabled at the current time.
- Diana and Val will update and try to condense the ministries. Discussion of creating a separate webpage for each ministry.
- A change was made to the bylaws replacing the word "priest" to "clergy". Everyone agreed unanimously to this minor change.
- The Parish Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, rain date, Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting is March 24th at 6:30**