

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees:

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

Trustees: Margot Burkle, William White

Members Present: Maureen Fuest, Maureen Goss, Rose Ann Kelley, Joyce Ippolito, Joe Nelly, Tony Sicignano, Diana Harris, Valerie LeShane

Peer Ministers: Caroline Burkle, Elizabeth Abernathy

Visitors: Betty Jane Schiller, Laurie Laterza

Absent: Helen Pedersen-Keiser, Dick Holland, Kate Wallace

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Fr. Ricardo

Welcome/Acceptance of December 2nd meeting minutes: Tony made motion to accept minutes, Maureen seconded and everyone accepted unanimously.

Peer Ministry Report:

- Elizabeth just returned from Trinita Retreat House and made note of the successful Confirmation retreat at Trinita. There were approximately 30 in attendance, 16 peer ministers and 16-18 retreatants.
- There were two speakers, Deacon Adam and Att. Tom Crosby, who gave talks to the 9-10th grade CCD teachers.
- The monthly Peer Minister meetings this year will be switched from Thursday to Sunday mornings after they attend 10:00 Mass all together. This will occur once a month.
- A fund raiser to Mohegan Sun bus is being planned by the Knights of Columbus. Bus and buffet dinner is \$40. Proceeds will go towards the Italy trip for Peer Ministers.

- A dinner dance is being held on May 18th weekend and Kat Wallace will provide a band.

Pastor's Report:

- East Shoreline Catholic Academy Open House was on Sunday, and it was a great turn-out and very positive spirit.
- Clergy Sexual Abuse Disclosures were made this week by the Archbishop and these can be found on the website, listed in the bulletin. Fr. Suggested that all Council members read this and someone mentioned that there were 5 priests from our Parish that were on this list. Our parish will host one of the Archdiocesan Masses of Reparation on Saturday, February 16th at 11:00 am.
- St. George is hosting a Day of Reflection for Lay Ministers on Monday, February 11th at 9:30. The Archdiocesan Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis (OEEC) is organizing the day.
- June 23rd Pastoral Council meeting is moved to June 30th.

New Business:

- The Council discussed the letter that Fr. Stephen received about using biodegradable plates, bamboo plates or washing real china plates instead of using plastic wear and discarding in the trash. Maureen volunteered to speak with Dee Jacobs and this was tabled until the council speaks with others with more experience.
- The By-Laws were distributed to and reviewed by all Council members to guide the Council in filling the vacancy created by Colleen Burkle's resignation. It was determined that since her position on the Council was an appointee of the pastor, Fr. Stephen will appoint a replacement. Since her resignation also created a vacancy for the office of President, the Council nominated Joe Nelly for President and Joyce Ippolito for VP. Both were approved by unanimous vote.
- The photos and bios of Council members were brought up to see where this stands. Margot will follow up with Colleen

Ministry Breakfast: The notes from the Ministry Leaders Breakfast were distributed. Everyone agreed that the breakfast was very productive and a great

use of time. Everyone was full of ideas and open and honest and the notes were extremely helpful. Suggestions at Parish Council were to enhance the Ministry booklet and condense the ministries, develop a pamphlet for each ministry and leave the pamphlet at each entrance of the Church, announcement monitors, highlight one ministry a month at the pulpit at each Mass, put the ministries on the website, "We Need Your Help" easels and sign-ups, 4-5 ministries attend the K of C breakfast each month and set up tables to discuss their ministry, stewardship fair four times during the year with 10-15 ministries at each fair, welcoming committee to work with newcomers to get involved in ministries, put calendar on the website of when the ministries meet so it is open to everyone to attend, personal invitation to join a ministry, hold a ministry breakfast once a year and invite anyone interested in joining a ministry to attend, etc. Joe Nelly and the board will send out a letter in the next couple of weeks to the Pastoral Council outlining 2-3 major points and follow up with the leaders of each Ministry.

Next Meeting is February 24th at 6:30

Closing Prayer – Maureen Fuest