

St. George Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Clergy: Fr. Stephen Sledesky, Fr. Ricardo

Trustees: Margot Burkle, Bill White

Members Present: Maureen Goss, Joyce Ippolito, Joe Nelly, Tony Sicignano, Diana Harris, Valerie LeShane, Dick Holland, Laurie Laterza

Peer Ministers:

Visitors: Betty Jane Schiller, Bonnie McManamy, Karen Moalli

Absent: Deacon Bob, Maureen Fuest, Rose Ann Kelly, Helen Pedersen, Elizabeth Abernathy, Caroline Burkle

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Fr. Stephen

Welcome/Acceptance of February 24th meeting minutes: Maureen Goss made motion to accept minutes, Tony seconded and everyone accepted unanimously.

Peer Ministry Report:

- Joe reported that there will be a fundraiser dinner dance on May 18th from 6-8 to benefit the Peer Ministry Pilgrimage. Also, there will be a plant sale both on Easter and Mother's Day in addition to a Tag Sale on Mother's Day
- The fund raiser to Mohegan Sun on March 23rd was a big success and they raised \$1030. Proceeds will go towards the Italy trip for Peer Ministers.
- There will be a fund raiser on June 6th, a pasta dinner given by the Men's group.

Pastor's Report:

- EOY financial report was distributed to the PC.
- Fran Weiner and Noreen Wolleben have been appointed the St. George delegates for the Archdiocese Synod.
- Electronic giving initiative was discussed; people will be able to sign up on line using their credit card or cell phone app.
- Elder orphans who have no place to go for the holidays, are families of St. George willing to open their homes to these folks. Laura will look into Interfaith Ride Program.

- There are 4 RCIA candidates preparing to take the final preparation and two will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Ministry Fair Update:

- Bonnie McManamy gave a report about how the last several Ministry Fairs were set up and strongly suggested that there be only one Fair and not several as the PC had decided to do.
- It was suggested that the MF be called "Love and Action Stewardship Expo".
- Maureen G. suggested we put the Mother Teresa quote in the bulletin.
- It was suggested that the ministries be broken down according to when they meet, for example evening, weekends, daytime, etc.
- Suggestion was made to have a sign-up sheet with 2-3 ministries that a person would be interested in joining.
- The MF is scheduled for the weekend of October 5th and 6th.
- The displays at the MS need to be a smaller size than in prior years and maps should be given out.

New Business:

- Columbus House needs help on the 4th Sunday of every month.
- Loaves and Fishes needs help on every Thursday.
- The ESCA Open House was extremely successful and there are currently 175 students enrolled.
- Sr. Kathleen and Cara Correll are coordinating the Summer Bible Camp, to be held the week of July 22-26th.
- Security meeting amongst the ushers was discussed and what to do in case of an attack on the church during services.

Next Meeting is April 28th at 6:30