

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

5:00 PM – SULLIVAN CENTER

ATTENDEES: Clergy: Father Dillon Members: Yolande Eldridge, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Greer Koerner, Thomas Duffy, Jill Kennedy, Carol McCormick, Valerie LeShane (Emeritus), Betty Jane Schiller; Jody Fay, Peer Ministers: Gianna Auter, Matt Celotto & Gabe Mongelli

Absent: Bill White & Sue Croce

Opening Prayer: Father Dillon opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:00 pm

Moment of Silence: For fallen Police Officers Hamzy & DeMonte

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the September 2022 were approved following a minor edit

Pastor Update: Father reported that the Knights of Columbus Carnival gift was \$26,500.00 to the Church. The White Elephant Booth earned \$20,000. The carnival was a huge success. Father reported that there are currently 90 Deacons and one half of them will be retired by 2030. Father mentioned All Souls Day was coming up and parishioners can bring photos of their deceased loved ones to the church altar and we will pray for them all month, during this month of remembrance. Father reported that we have had an increase in funerals and weddings this year. Father reported that we are in the process of obtaining security surveillance cameras for the church.

Liaison Report: Fran reported that the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast was well attended after the 10 am mass. Beginning November 17th, we will have freezers for the turkeys for Thanksgiving Sharing. Aldi has some turkeys but there is a shortage this year. We should be getting 200 from Bazzutos (food distribution). Joe Nelly and Larry DiFrancesco are spearheading this effort.

Peer Ministry Report: It was reported that there are 621 students in CCD and there are 4 peer ministers per class due to the increased number of peer ministers this year. The peer ministers have doubled their service hours as well. The Peer Ministry Trinita retreat is November 4th thru November 6th.

Ministry List Update: Chair Betty Jane Schiller reported that the assignment list for members calling/contacting was reformatted. The Ministry lists have not been updated since our 2019 Stewardship Committee did the current pamphlet. Discussion ensued regarding the new pamphlet to be a resource for the parishioners and those who are homebound. It was also suggested that annual events such as Fatima Commemoration be included in the pamphlet. The council approved changing the name to “Ministries & Prayer Services”. It was mentioned

that Olivia's Cupcakes Ministry had a question about returning. We will get back to this ministry regarding any COVID restrictions.

It was reported that if anyone was interested in the RCIA Program, those individuals can contact Father directly.

ESCA update: It was reported that the ESCA students would be participating in the 10 AM mass on November 20th. There is a scheduled meeting with the principal to discuss details and specific youth assignments for the mass. Father mentioned that we should highlight participants who are parishioners at St. George. Additionally, ESCA is having a pasta dinner on February 25, 2023 in the church hall.

Board openings: It was reported that we now have 2 board openings. Per our By-Laws, Father can appoint someone for these vacancies. One term has one year left and the other term is three years. Father suggested that we allow both to be a one year term and the three year term person can have the option of continuing. Members were asked to discern who might be an interested candidate for these openings. Members can contact Father with suggested candidates to contact.

New business: It was brought up that the website, "Catholics Come Home" was very inviting for encouraging Catholics to attend Mass. It was suggested that this year's Christmas card from Father utilize the theme, "Come Home for Christmas". All members agreed. Additionally, a contest for drawings for the Christmas card, (based on the theme) will be held so that children from our parish can design this year's card (cover) based on the theme.

It was brought up that some Guilford Library participants were looking for job resources. The parish has a job network that we could share with the library. Fran offered to look into this.

Closing Prayer: Father Dillon closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:00.

Respectfully Submitted

Jody Fay, Secretary