

Saint George's Parish Council Meeting January 22, 2023 Minutes

Present: Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Father Dillon, Greer Roerner, Sue Croce, Yolande Eldridge, Gabe Mongelli, Debra Falvey, Jill Kennelly, Matthew Celotto, Elizabeth Kozarec.

Absent: Bob Keiser, Bill White, Betty Jane Schiller, Thom Duffy

Meeting began at 5:05 with an opening prayer from Father Dillon. Minutes approved by all.

Father Dillon: Christmas went well and we had to open the hall as people were standing. There were more attendees than in 2021. Lots of funerals and one wedding thus far. 13 weddings are scheduled for this year. April 23, 2023 is the date for confirmations at the Cathedral in Hartford. The entire Archdiocese will have confirmations at the Cathedral. CCD is now in session. Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023 and ashes will be available all day. Masses will be held that day at 8:30 am, 12 pm with a children's service at 4 pm. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is happening now. On February 17, 2023 at 6 pm there will be a cocktail hour with appetizers. Email Fran Wainer if you plan on attending.

Fran Wainer: On February 25, 2023 there will be a pasta dinner for ESCA after the 4:30 pm mass. One altar server was commissioned (Brandon). We are short on altar servers. We have five right now and as long as they have received their first communion they can serve. Serving as an altar server counts towards one hour service requirement at ESCA. Emily is starting up a children's choir.

Youth Representatives: January and March retreats at Trinita bring in many peer ministers back. The first class was last week and the 10th grade will be having January 23 classes. The February group is already meeting. Connor Devota, Chris Murphy and Kala Harris are leading the groups. Tyler Hillgard dropped 24 backpacks, a case of Kleenex and a case of soap as donations.

Yolande reporting for Betty Jane: Betty Jane has a new email and is requesting that everyone resend their original emails regarding their ministry information. On January 27, 2023 we will have a meeting at 11 am. to focus on what has been done thus far and what remains outstanding.

Yolande: We have new magnets with the current mass times available at all foyers of the church for the parishioners. Request was made to include the military in our prayer petitions. Father will discuss with Sister Kathleen as that is part of her ministry. Discussion about magnets "Fishing for People". Fran will contact Tyco about the pricing for the magnets. The magnets can be handed out with the Ministry Pamphlet.

New business: Last year we did a rosary for Ukraine along with a prayer service and stations of the cross. Margot Burkle organized this, and we will contact her to conduct it again. St. Michaels in New Haven is the Ukrainian Church and is a point of contact. Catholics Come Home program – we will have an ice cream social in the spring sponsored by the Council, and it will qualify for a service hour for the students of ESCA. The reinstating of precious blood at mass was discussed. Father said that there were no plans to reinstate this sacrament. Fran has a meeting with Bishop Blair and will report back to the Council.

Adjournment at 6:13 pm with a closing prayer led by Father Dillon.