

Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2023

Present: Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Debra Falvey, Jill Kennelly, Bob Keiser, Greer Koerner, Gabe Mongelli, Elizabeth Kozarec, Betty Jane Schiller, Sue Croce
Absent: Carol McCormick, Gianna Amter, Matt Celotto, Thom Duffy, Bill White

The meeting began at 5:05 with an opening prayer from Father Dillon. After some minor revisions, minutes were approved by all. The Council welcomed three new members: Jeri Perkins; Valerie Campanelli; Nancy Talas

Father Dillon: Confirmation was at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford and was well attended with five parishes participating. First communion was held on May 14, 2023 and we had approximately 90 children receiving their First Communion. In addition to the May crowning in church there was a procession to the Peace Garden, outside the church, for an outside crowning of Mary's statue. On May 21, 2023 we had six baptisms in the church. Sr. Kathleen is booked with baptisms into October.

Fran Wainer: Bob picked up the water bottles from Costco for graduation distribution—they are being held in the St. Francis Room in the hall. There are 1200 bottles-16 ounces per bottle for the Guilford High School graduation on the Green. The graduation is June 16, 2023 and volunteers from the Council will be pinning roses on the graduates before the ceremony as well as handing out the water to any guest. We have several volunteers.

The Arts Festival is being held from July 14, 2023 through July 16, 2023. The Knights are handling the parking and are seeking volunteers to assist with this. Larry DeFrancesco is in charge. Joe Nelly is seeking volunteers to sell raffle ticket books for the Carnival in August. The Carnival will be from August 8, 2023 through August 12, 2023. Joe needs help selling the raffle tickets as well as with parking and various other needs for the Carnival. Joe can be reached at joenelly@comcast.com. Our next meeting will be June 11, 2023 with a potluck dinner following the meeting. Betty Jane is organizing items for members to bring so we don't have many duplicate items.

Youth Representatives – Gabe Mongelli: Confirmation went great. Gabe was a sponsor. Five churches participated. The Italy trip is commencing on June 19th, 2023 and 21 are going. There are still plants left from the Mother's Day plant sale. Gabe will no longer be on the Council as he is graduating and attending the University of Virginia. Everyone thanked him for his service and wished him well. Claire Nichols will pick the next Peer Ministers to serve on the Council.

Betty Jane: The Stewardship Booklet is still underway and discussion ensued as to the next steps. We will have a permission form to be signed by each ministry leader which will allow the Parish Office to release their contact information to anyone calling who is in need of the ministry assistance or who wishes to join and participate in the ministry. All questions regarding the ministries will be vetted through the Parish Office. Jody will draft a permission form and send it to Father Dillon, Fran, Yolande & Betty Jane.

Deb: We have received at least 75 donation bags for Ukraine. We will be collecting thru May 31, 2023. Betty Jane got some prayer cards which we will decide how to proceed with them.

Yolande: Our next meeting will be June 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm. She asks that we bring our analysis of how the year went along with ideas for next year. Please bring anything else for "the good of the order". ESCA had their First Communion. Father Dillon went to see Annie at ESCA. St George was a sponsor. Father said it was excellent.

New business: No new business Next Meeting is June 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Adjournment at 5:56 PM with a closing prayer led by Father Dillon.