

## Saint George's Parish Council Meeting April 28, 2024, Minutes

Present: Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Sue Croce, Jill Kennelly, Isabel Torello, Bob Keiser, Thom Duffy, Jeri Perkins, Dee Dee Collins, Bill White & Bernadette Koerner

Absent: Valerie Campanelli, Nancy Talalas, Elizabeth Kozarec & Greer Koerner

Guests: Bonnie McManey, Sheila Lee, Corinne McManemin & Maggie Bruno

**The meeting began at 4:34 pm with an opening prayer from Betty Jane. The prayer was in thankfulness for Father Dillon's 24 years of service as a priest.**

**The minutes from March 2024 were approved by all with minor revisions that Jody will get to Fran for posting on the website.**

**Father Dillon:** 2 Candidates were brought into the church on Easter Vigil. On April 20, 2024, the church confirmed 58 people. The cathedral was crowded. There will be two First Communions. One on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the other on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. May 1<sup>st</sup> the church will have the May Crowning. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, Archbishop Blair is fully retired. Archbishop Coyne is taking over. Father discussed new initiatives for the council to consider. Youth Continuum takes in homeless youths (ages 14 to 24) and trains them to get them jobs. The council will be coordinating this with the peer ministry along with the Matthew 25 Committee. A wish list is in the bulletin and there will be donation bins at the church entrances. All approved of this initiative.

**Fran/Izzy:** Donations for the flower ministry and peer ministry will take place on Mother's Day weekend. Fran handed out pre-sale order forms. The third weekend in May there will be a car wash to benefit students going on the trip to Fatima. CCD is now complete. Elections were discussed by Yolande and Jill and Sue are up for re-election. There are 3 spots available. Nominations are needed by May 6<sup>th</sup> and the discernment meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>. The time TBD.

**Betty Jane/Guests:** All agreed that we will update the ministry booklet. Guests Bonnie and Dee Dee were founding members of the ministry fair that was held both outside and in the hall. All agreed that we have many ministries that people do not know about. The doughnuts were bought from Big Y. All agreed that we will hold a ministry fair in October and the booklet will be available on our website and on Facebook. Father mentioned that Karen is moving and stepping down from the bereavement ministry. Betty Jane stated that there will be a program "New Day Bereavement Program" reconstituting some programs. She will get back to the council with dates. Sheila shared a novena to the holy spirit for Pentecost. Each day has a different prayer for each gift. Jody made copies for those parishioners who are not online, and they will be at the church entrances. Sheila stated that Tilton Productions also makes DVDs. Some are Saint John of the Cross and Saint Therese. Father will purchase a set for the parish.

**Bob:** Graduation is coming up and Bob needs volunteers to hand out the water on June 13<sup>th</sup>. A donation box will also be available as people wanted to donate last year. Deb, Jeri, Yolande, Howie, and Bob all volunteered to help. All approved.

**Thom:** The brick campaign is winding up at the end of the month. The cost is \$250 for a standard brick and \$500 for a larger brick. Father also announced this at the masses. The Forward in Faith Campaign is

a separate campaign from the brick campaign. Fundraising discussions ensued concerning renting out the hall. All agreed that the liability outweighs the income intake.

**Yolande/New business:** Questions were asked about the council and the by-laws. All are posted on our website.

Closing prayer by Father at 5:58 p.m.

Our Next Meeting is May 19, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. after 10:30 mass.