

Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2025

Present: Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Noreen Wolleben, Jeri Perkins, George Goulet, Izzy Torello, and Nancy Talalas

Guests: Maria Hacker

Absent: Maggie Bruno, Regina Beausejour, Val Campanelli, Enzo Taverna, Bob Keiser and Elizabeth Kozarec

The meeting began at 11:44 am with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.

Yolande: Minutes were approved with a small revision.

Father Dillon: The columbarium is underway. There will be 110 niches, and it will be expandable. In late spring there will be an installation ceremony and blessing. The brick campaign is underway, and the bricks have been ordered. That should occur in the summer. There is a vocations presentation tonight from 6 to 7:30 pm

Fran: Confirmation is April 5th, Communion is April 27th and May 4th. There will be two separate masses. The Archbishop's annual appeal is next weekend. Father Dillon's 25th year of priesthood is this year. As such, the May PC meeting is cancelled. There will be a reception after the 10:30 mass on May 18, 2025.

Izzy: The February retreat went very well. The peer ministers are now working on March 21st through 23rd retreat. They are preparing for confirmation and have about 68 people.

Deb: The parish chili dinner was on February 8, 2025. There were about 48 attendees. Peter Perkins did a great job serving the food. The book discussion went well. Nancy mentioned a book on the saints, perhaps on Blessed Carlos Acutis. September 28th was suggested as a tentative date. The theme of "One parish-One book" will remain the same. Having a cookout outside after mass was suggested for the next book event.

George: Another bus event is being planned. A baseball game on a Friday night at Citi field to see the Mets is \$99 per ticket. The trip includes the bus, a cookout and tickets to the game. On June 15th there is a Yankees and Red Sox game. It was mentioned that it is Father's Day weekend and graduation is June 13. Other trips being investigated are 6 flags in Agawam, the Big E, Bronx Zoo, Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods. Big E is having the singer Phil Wickham (per Maria Hacker). Noreen mentioned the Lancaster PA theater Christian shows. Yolande mentioned a cloister trip. Nancy mentioned the movie "Cabrini" and having a movie night with a concession stand. Yolande reminded everyone that we held a movie night in the past and it really depends on the movie selected in terms of attracting a specific age range audience. Father suggested for next month's meeting we pick a movie. The patent laws require that we pay for use of any movie.

Other/New Ideas: Betty Jane discussed Olivia's Cupcakes which was a sub ministry of Columbus House. Lorraine Matei chaired the ministry, and 15 to 20 people volunteered. They would cook and bring the cupcakes to Columbus House. They would heat and plate at Columbus House. Fran mentioned that the ministry does not need to revolve around Columbus House. Betty Jane will work with Fran on organization and rules of the kitchen.

Noreen mentioned that the nuns at the monastery are creating a St. Thomas Aquinas Guild. They had one event and on February 28th are having “an evening with a friar”. A Dominican priest will be speaking on a theme of hope. The website is www.dominicannuns.org. This is connected to the jubilee.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:51 pm for Pope Francis. We recited, an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.

Our Next Meeting is April 27th, 2025, at 4 PM. NOTE TIME CHANGE