

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Father John Quinn, John Tartaglia-Chair, Lynn Watson, Barrie Watson, Vincent Greco, Stephen Fischer, Nancy Sauro, Lori Schiliro, Paul Zepf, Valerie Sprague

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with Vespers.

John asked if there were any **updates**.

1. Lori provided an update on the Bingo Night at the Parish Center and said it was planned as Family Bible Bingo for February 1st. Also, the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance is scheduled for March at the Canyon Club. Open gym night was a wonderful success with many children attending.
2. Father requested that no open gym night be held on Fridays during Lent since Stations of the Cross are scheduled for Fridays. Lori would be happy to follow up.
3. The CCD committee met with Diane and they are getting much needed hall monitors and will help prepare a schedule for the fall CCD program. Alice Contillo is working with the Community Service Committee so that every year a grade will do a certain project for a specific charity.
4. The 10:30 Mass Committee has done a beautiful pullout program and has many committed volunteers. Father expressed how wonderful it was to see sons and dads also teaching and participating.
5. The children's Choir has been practicing and the food items have been brought in by many.
6. Father expressed how the First Penance service was wonderful.

New Business:

John addressed the council on an issue that has been disturbing him concerning the penance evening before Christmas. He feels it was too noisy and the level of chatter and activity was too great for a penance service and that it is disrespectful. He felt there needs to be heightened awareness for the young people of the parish along with adults to be quieter and maintain a respectful silence since penance is a sacrament. He feels this quiet is out of respect for God and that perhaps an announcement could be made and a sign put up to create more awareness.

Father expressed his understanding and Lynn offered that it is not just children but adults. Val added that it is good that the children were here to attend confession and sometimes it may be hard for them. It was agreed that there should be a respectful silence by all and that a sign could be posted as a reminder.

Steve discussed the new waiver that is necessary for the open gym and CYO. This is due to an insurance issue as protection for our Parish. Gina of the Events Committee of Project Embrace has the form and it was used without a problem at open gym. All were cooperative.

Father brought up the issue of ID cards. There will be an announcement that it will be necessary to sign the waiver if your child brings a friend to open gym.

Vince suggested that it would be nice to have a parish newsletter to share all of the wonderful things happening in parish families. All agreed it would be great, but as Paul pointed out we would need someone to do it. Val offered that it would be a great deal of work and that it would require a commitment from an individual. The Communications/Welcome Committee would not be able to take this on and is hopeful the calendar is helping parish families be aware of all parish activities.

Several dates for **upcoming events**:

3/28 Confirmation

5/3 First Communion

Mid-June Parish Barbecue

June 14th-church building dedicated and anniversary of new building

Steve said the sign for the playground is almost ready which will state the rules of the playground. The sign is for liability reasons. New wood chips were put on the playground and the children installed it and raked it out.

Meeting adjourned. **Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 pm** in Wallace Hall. All are welcome.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Sprague