

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK  
Monday, March 1, 2010**

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Pat Cummings, Lynn Watson, Barrie Watson, Theresa Perna, Diane McManus, Lori Schiliro, Father John Quinn, John Cummings, Val Sprague.

Meeting began at 7:30 pm with Vespers.

No questions were raised concerning the minutes of previous meeting of January 11' 2010.

**Parish Updates:**

- **Father Quinn** provided a parish update and reviewed the Mass schedule for Palm Sunday –5:30 Saturday, 8:30 am, 10 am and 12 noon on Sunday. All masses will be held in the church. Confirmation will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> and will be in St. Francis Hall. Everything is in the church for Holy Week. Easter Sunday masses will be in Wallis Hall—Saturday vigil is at 7:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10 and 12. The Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Father explained that there is a need to eliminate the 12 noon Mass for the summer and perhaps longer since so many priests will be away on church assignments. Once CCD ends we will institute the new schedule and have the Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am. Val expressed that this is a good plan and would strength the 10:30 “family” mass. Additionally, Father is proposing that in the near future we may discontinue the use of the Missalettes in order to save paper and to emphasize the importance of hearing the word of God, not just reading it. Bibles will be put in church pews for all to use and read. We are trying to utilize our website more and more and our readings are on the home page of the site. We are going back to apostolic times when people listened vs. read. Theresa expressed concern that it is a difficult habit to break if you are used to holding the Missal and following along. Father said that he would leave some on a back table for those that would prefer to continue to read.
- **Diane McManus** gave an update on the **CCD program**. She needs volunteers to sign up again to help support the program and teach the children. She is in need of teachers, hall monitors, etc. There will be a CCD retreat on March 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday is the enrollment Mass. Confirmation is March 27<sup>th</sup> and then the Potluck supper along with the March 13<sup>th</sup> Blessing Cup Mass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at 10:30 am. Diane expressed that there needs to be a church calendar meeting to coordinate the CCD and CYO dates and commitments so all flows well. Registration will begin for CCD soon. We have several new students who have no religious education background and are in need of special attention in order to receive the Sacraments. They need extra time in order to be able to join a regular CCD class. We need new people to tutor. Father is so happy to welcome all. He would like all to go to church, but if you are in CCD you are welcome always and they are present. We need to encourage all to join us. Father is so happy to see all who attend regular masses and participate in our parish family and community— Mass, Baptism, Christmas, etc. Theresa asked how many older children we have in the CCD program. Diane said approximately 55 and we can't reach them after Confirmation. We are in need of Youth Ministry and at least two events and email them to encourage them to stay in our parish family. Val expressed how Father always

tries to educate the parents since the children cannot bring themselves to church. Father discussed the culture change about priorities and how some children in our program seem depressed.

- **Lori Schiliro** brought everyone up to date on **Project Embrace**—we have about 60 people registered for the dinner dance. On June 14<sup>th</sup> Opus will once again do our barbecue on our church property. We now have a volley ball clinic for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in St. Francis Hall. We need a net and pole. In the future we will be able to have a camp and tournaments. This will begin mid to the end of March and will include approximately 10 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday. The program “Hope and Healing for Haiti” was very successful and raised \$4600!
- **Val Sprague** discussed upcoming events for **FIAT**—March 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Jim Wallis Book Discussion on Rediscovering Values and on April 24<sup>th</sup> will be caravan to the Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry with our children in our Food for Hope initiative with The Children’s Hope Chest. The need is great and we need to collect more food and raise awareness.
- **Father Quinn** said that March 7<sup>th</sup> is Father Brady’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Ecumenical Service will be at Hillside Church each Wednesday and it will be our turn to host the food on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The blood bank was February 21<sup>st</sup> instead of March 21<sup>st</sup> and St. Patrick’s parishioners gave 40 pints of blood!! Weekday liturgies will be in The Lady Chapel.

**Next Meeting is Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Wallace Hall.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Val Sprague.