

## MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

### CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Monday, April 19, 2010

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Theresa Perna, Trustee; Lynn Watson, Barrie Watson, Donna Cialfi, Paul Zepf, Finance Chair; Peter Ryan, Trustee; Val Sprague, Council Coordinator and Father John Quinn, Pastor.

Meeting began at 7:30 pm with Vespers.

No questions were raised concerning the minutes of previous meeting of March 1, 2010. Theresa offered two additional dates to be noted for May 2<sup>nd</sup> of Blessing of New Parents and May 9<sup>th</sup> for the May Crowning.

#### Parish Updates:

1. **Father Quinn** provided a parish update and indicated that there are only two more weeks of religious education and that our parish children have been terrific and cooperative. Gina Sinon sent Father an email stating that the events committee of Project Embrace needs to change the date for the annual parish barbecue to Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. We will have some parishioners speak at Mass for oral testimony of our parish of 40 years. We will need to discontinue the 12 noon Mass for the summer months and will resume in September after Labor Day due to a shortage of priests to assist with the Masses. Father will have this announced at all Masses. He is so grateful for all the support we receive from the wonderful priests that help with the Masses, but we need to plan for the future. The Archbishop has a Pastoral Council for the Yorktown-Putnam County area. Lori Sciliro, Chair of Project Embrace, was unable to attend and Father provided Lori's update—there will be a women's volleyball league starting. There are 8 women signed up and they will play in St. Francis Hall. The wine tasting was a wonderful evening and great success. It raised approximately \$2000. for our Communion program!! More people are coming to Mass due to the wonderful PE events and CYO. Father and the council wish to offer a big thank you to Bill Davis for organizing everything associated with our parish center—St. Francis Hall. Thank you Bill for ALL you do!
2. Paul Zepf, Finance Chair, provided an update of parish finances stating that our collections have held up ok throughout the year even considering the economic crisis of last year. The HVAC and all systems related to it are 40 years old and need updating

for safety and plant operations. Guy M. looked at the systems and gave us an estimate that the projected cost - \$150,000—for air, heating, furnace, generator. We have a reserve in Children's Fund. We want to do repairs and/or projects on a planned basis vs. in an emergency or crisis. We are getting bids and drawing up contracts from 5 different contractors. Any expenditure over \$30,000 requires Diocesan involvement. We have \$92,000 set aside for maintenance, \$18,200 for capital improvement needs, and \$61,000 in unrestricted funds. We need to integrate all systems, obtain service contracts and address the operation of the generator which has broken down. It is important to consider we have a huge plant and grounds and diverse maintenance needs for our growing parish. We will need to address the repair needs in the future for the parking lot and the flat sections of our roof. All will be done without incurring debt. The Finance Committee and the Parish Trustees should meet to review all. Additionally, our organ is broken and that is usually \$35,000 and we got a good price of \$25,000. Barrie raised a question of why we are not using an electric keyboard since it would sound better. Father indicated that several parishioners are helping us to evaluate and make a decision.

3. Father provided the update on religious education for Diane McManus and Allanna Hasselgren—we have a problem with attrition of teachers since several teachers who have taught for the last 5-6 years need a break. We need teachers! We have 77 plus Confirmation candidates for next year and the Bishop will do two ceremonies for us on Saturday, March 26, 2011. The ceremonies will be at 10 am and 1 pm in the church. Theresa stated that she had offered to do tutoring for the CCD program and had not been contacted yet with her assignment. Fordham University is sponsoring two nights on Lay Ministry and Father has asked Val Sprague, Diane McManus, Steve Fischer and Peter Ryan to attend on April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Val Sprague, Council Coordinator and FIAT Chair, provided an update on the Vicariate Council which the Archbishop has instituted and requested that each of the 24 pastors in the vicariate send a representative of their parish. Val provided an update on the first meeting. Each representative needs to offer the two issues of priority to his/her parish which will be added to the Vicariate agenda for the year. Our parish will be “adopting” a parish to share our blessings through social ministry. We will adopt Father L. Anderson's parish in Peekskill. More information will be forthcoming as we organize this ministry.

#### **No New/Old Business**

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (Note: meeting date changed after meeting to Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm)**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Val Sprague.