

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 AD

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Father John Quinn, John Tartaglia-Chair, Lynn Watson, Barrie Watson, Vincent Greco, Stephen Fischer, Nancy Fischer, Lori Schiliro, Donna Myers, Val Sprague

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with Vespers.

John asked if there were any **updates and New Business:**

1. Lori reviewed all the wonderful Project Embrace initiatives: the parish barbecue on Sunday, June 8th after the 12 noon Mass; a Pasta Dinner on June 21st after the 5:30 pm Mass; on April 29th at 7:30 pm Great Awakening Discussion in Parish Center; Mother's Day, flowers distributed by the Events Committee; recruiting new people at the CYO dinner; Bulletin Board in Wallace Hall for PE.
2. Father Quinn discussed the Pot Luck Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 10th after the 5:30 pm Mass (Vigil of Pentecost and BD of church—wear red). This will be an opportunity for fellowship and each person will bring a covered dish for 5 people. This was a wonderful idea requested by several people who attend the 5:30 pm Mass.
3. Father Quinn discussed our initiative for our great generation on Sunday, July 13th and Sunday November 2nd. A speaker has been invited for both events—Sally Dolan will talk to our seniors. Father has heard her speak and she is wonderful.
4. It was suggested that we may be offending some individuals by referring to them as seniors. Valerie offered apologies. Father suggested we use the term Great Generation. Our intentions are to honor our great generation of parishioners through FIAT.
5. John suggested a need to have a speaker for younger parishioners and their parents. Father feels this has been offered by The Great Awakening and that this initiative will address this for the whole parish and will be a spiritual discussion.
6. John discussed the new requirement for a training video for the catechists. They could all view it at one time. Teachers and CYO have to have background checks. He suggested that Diane offer 3 sessions after a Mass. John said the diocese said it is a must.
7. Brief update on the tuition issue and Catholic schools as it pertains to us and other parishes.
8. Vince acknowledged that Sue Allison graciously donated flowers for our alter. She is the owner of Nature Scapes.

9. Vince asked a question about having sprinklers at the parish. Perhaps there is a parishioner that could give us an estimate. The council had a discussion about the pros and cons of a sprinkler system. It was agreed that this would not be a good idea for our parish grounds.
10. Father explained that he needed to ask the council a question on behalf of a parishioner and needed to ask the council how they would like him to follow up. A parishioner requested to use the parish water to fill her pool. **THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF NO.** This would not be allowed since it seemed inappropriate, and would over-utilize the parish pump which could incur cost to the parish.
11. Vince to investigate the cost of putting in a spigot so plants/flowers could be watered close to the parish building.
12. Vince complimented Lori and PE for the wonderful dinner at the Canyon Club.
13. John wants to change the web page and will follow up with John Cummings.

Meeting adjourned. **Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, June 25th at 7:30 pm in Wallace Hall. All are welcome.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Sprague.