

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Monday, May 4, 2009

The following individuals were present at the meeting: John Tartaglia-Council Coordinator, Barrie Watson, William Davis, Mary B. Ryan, Theresa Perna-Parish Trustee, Diane McManus, Father John Quinn, Paul Zepf, Vincent Greco, Stephen Fischer, Val Sprague.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm.

PARISH UPDATES:

Project Embrace: Anthony will be ordained on the 17th and Lori is organizing a reception for him at our parish after the 12 noon Mass with the parents of altar servers. Sunday, June 7th will be our annual parish barbecue and all in the parish are invited. May 10th is the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother and the Communion Reunion of Communicants.

Finance Report: Mary Ryan reviewed the financials and our parish is in a good position. We have reduced our mortgage debt. Suggestions were offered on how to possibly save on our electric bill. John offered to call since he is monitoring all maintenance needs at the parish. A question was raised concerning Merrill Lynch accounts for the parish and our ability to borrow against them if necessary and Mary said that the officers would need to sign along with Bishop Sullivan. Teresa Perna, Trustee, asked when the budget is prepared, which is in March, and requested a copy.

Parish Attorney Update: Steve raised a question on the insurance document for the summer camp using the parish center for the summer. Bill will give all copies to Steve. Steve stated that all CYO participants have to sign the waiver forms and we must request this for the youth camp. Steve will provide Bill with the form. Also, the Kennel next door to the parish has requested to use our parking lot. They have been advised of our insurance requests.

Religious Education: Diane McManus provided an update on our CCD program and stated that all registration forms will be sent out shortly. There was a \$5 increase from \$200- \$205 and a cap of \$600 per family. The schedule has been changed due to the size of the program and the need for additional teachers in order to accommodate everyone. At the time of this meeting the schedule would be Monday afternoon and evening, Wednesday, afternoon and evening and two sessions on Sunday. There will be NO Thursday classes. There is a dire need for teachers for our CCD program. The schedule was adjusted to Wednesday vs. Thursday after a request from parents that this was more helpful. Theresa suggested a letter/notice go out to parents to announce the change. There was an issue of many absences one class and Allanna Hasselgren, co-moderator,

needed to notify parents and was treated unkindly by some. NYS law requires that the public schools must notify parents and there must be an attendance policy for truancy. We concur with Byram Hills. We must do lockdowns, fire drills, panic bars on doors and the church needs to be locked during CCD.

Father Quinn Update: Communion and Confirmation went very well. Confirmation is set for next year for Saturday, March, 27, 2010. It is the day before Palm Sunday. This will enable us to rent chairs in St. Francis Hall for just one week. Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses will be held in St. Francis Hall. The new fire house would like to use our lot and we said yes as a good neighbor.

Council Discussion—St. Francis Hall: Diane raised the issue of having a check list to be used by anyone utilizing our parish center. John raised the issue if we would consider not renting to someone. Father would like to discuss the issue with our parish attorney. Val raised the concern that we need to protect the interests of the parish and parishioners and at the same time we need to be open to all. Steve said the legal issue could be addressed by making sure all sign the Youth Waiver form and submit their documents one week in advance for review. The rental cost is \$325 for 3 hours. The following suggestions were offered: a security deposit of \$500 for non parishioners, rules and regulations and a rental agreement. Father asked for a consensus of the council—the council agreed. John Tartaglia will draft a legal rental agreement. Mary said a question had been raised if St. Francis Hall could be used for SAT prep and the council consensus was no since it would create too much responsibility on our part.

FIAT Update: Val stated that the Children's Garden will be dedicated on June 22nd and there will be a prayer service for the Affrunti family. Our Food First Sundays continue and our Food for Hope program will run for several weeks as the need increases.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Sprague.