

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Monday, August 3, 2009

The following individuals were present at the meeting: John Tartaglia—Council Coordinator, Barrie Watson, Lynn Watson, Diane McManus, Lori Schiliro, Steve Fischer, Val Sprague, Father John Quinn.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm.

PARISH UPDATES:

Parish Attorney: Steve Fischer asked for a correction to the minutes of May 4, 2009—second sentence that “Bill will give all copies to office.” Duly noted.

Council Coordinator: Issue raised on St. Francis Hall by John Tartaglia to Steve Fischer concerning insurance coverage and documentation for use of hall. Steve proactively has contacted the insurance company, Catholic Mutual (and has met with our Finance Committee) to review what we need to use for our insurance coverage and we have all appropriate and required documentation for coverage for parish events. We have a facility use agreement for non parishioner groups. There is a certificate of an accidental named insured and we have a waiver which participants must sign. John suggested and requested very strongly that he wants additional language added that the Pastor has the right to cancel an event if he deems it inappropriate or against Catholic faith. Bill Davis, who reports to Father Quinn, at all times, is aware of building usage and transmitting all requests. Steve, as parish attorney, feels very strongly that we should follow the guidelines outlined by Catholic Mutual.

John also discussed the roof project and the facilities maintenance of our buildings—50-60,000 square feet. He suggested that we have a capital reserve and put more funding aside for future needs (examples are the parking lot maintenance, future roof repairs). Any expenditure on maintenance over \$30,000 needs to be approved by the Diocese. He asked that ideas be considered for Fundraising or special collections to support the maintenance of the parish facilities. Val asked what the date was of the last capital campaign and if it was possible to ask the builder on the corner to assist us with the parking lot project since he has heavy equipment on site? John would prefer not to follow this option.

Update and Overview on Parish: Father Quinn discussed how during the roof renovation that morning Mass is taking place in the Lady Chapel and how enjoyable it is for most. Father has been emphasizing the universality of the church and working on his Spanish. Next year is the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of our church. Father would like a “Spirit Raiser” for this anniversary celebration and would like to connect it with our June barbecue for the entire parish community. He would like to start to collect

pictures parishioners may have of the parish and events over the past 40 years to share with all.

Religious Education: Diane McManus, Co-Moderator of our program, discussed the Confirmation Retreat and it will be a half day on a Saturday. We have so far approximately 50 children enrolled. The entire program has over 500 children enrolled to date. Last year we had approx. 620. Diane has been asked by the Diocese to create a program for the needs of special education children. We now ask parents to let us know if their child has a special need so we can be aware within the religious education program. Diane emphasized that we need approx. another 20 teachers to fulfill all classes required by enrollment.

Father emphasized that the Diocese wants all programs to host events which include the entire parish with families, sharing of food which is multi-generational and not in a Mass of sacramental setting. We do the following: Bible Bingo, Great Generation Pancake Breakfast, Community Solidarity Gatherings after Mass, Christmas Pageant, Dedication of the Children's Garden, Parish Barbecue, etc. Father would like to do something in Advent.

FIAT: Val Sprague, FIAT Co-Chair, provided an update on FIAT and the need for food. The need among the poor, working poor and others during the economic crisis has risen dramatically. She reviewed all upcoming dates and events.

No New or Old Business

Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Wallace Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Sprague