

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK—AUGUST 14, 2008**

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Father John Quinn, John Tartaglia—Coordinator, Lynn and Barrie Watson, Vincent Greco, Stephen Fischer, Val Sprague, Lori Schiliro, Nancy Sauro, Pat Cummings and Bob Ballengee.

Lori gave an update on all of the wonderful **Project Embrace** happenings and stated the planning for the pasta dinner will begin.

John emphasized that teachers are needed for our **CCD program** and Father explained that next year Diane is interested in trying to offer additional classes on Sunday and utilize our Parish Center. We would eliminate the Wednesday evening class and focus on Sunday, Monday and Thursday. This will help in the recruitment of teachers and our space utilization in order to accommodate all.

Val updated everyone on **FIAT** initiatives: Peace Vigil September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30; November 2<sup>nd</sup> our Pancake Breakfast for the Great Generation in our Parish Center; Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Coats for Hope and beginning in November the Hope for the Holiday program and our giving tree to help local children in need through The Children's Hope Chest. Welcome/Communications Committee—welcome sign will be up soon!!

Bob reported for **the Social Concerns Committee** and said that 8 volunteers are working at the food pantry, the midnight run and helping the children of inmates at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

A discussion ensued emphasizing the **need for food** and placement on the Alter or in the wagon in the vestibule. Father would like food items brought to church on Sundays as your “ticket of admission” and placed on the Alter. At other times, all food items can be placed in the wagon. All of our rice and pasta was recently donated to the Carver Center in Port Chester for families in need. Father reiterated how important it is for us to raise consciousness of the needs of **the “working poor”**.

John explained that he will handle the aspect of **Creation Care** for our FIAT initiative by having our parish go green with conserving energy at our parish by checking all systems and using simple solutions such as timers, new energy efficient bulbs. He will present an overview when he has completed his research. At Father's request: please no Styrofoam cups on the campus.

Vince has looked into hiring a sprinkler company to install some limited water access close to the building so we can **water some plantings**.

**Dates to remember:** *Peace Vigil*—September 11<sup>th</sup>; *Welcome Back Sunday*—September 14<sup>th</sup>; *Potluck Supper* September 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Mass; *Blessing of new parents* and parents to be on October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Next council meeting: Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm following Peace Vigil.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Sprague.