

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK IN ARMONK

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The following individuals were present at the meeting: Lynn Watson, Barrie Watson, Pat Cummings-Respect Life Society; Lori Schiliro-Chair, Project Embrace; Joan Zaborowski-Co-Moderator of Religious Education; Allanna Hasselgren-Co-Moderator of Religious Education; Val Sprague-Coordinator Parish Council; Father John Quinn, Pastor.

The meeting began at 7:35 pm with Vespers. A request was made to list Lori Schiliro as present at previous council meeting. Minutes will be adjusted.

Parish Updates:

Father Quinn: The Finance Committee met Tuesday, October 4th and ten individuals were in attendance. The parking lot project will take about 4-5 days to complete and will begin on Tuesday. Lynn asked if we have a contract and yes we are all set. The year is going well and Father Joseph Reynolds will be joining us on Sunday for a Mass. He used to teach with Father. CCD is going well and the Young Dad's group has grown—Thanks to all the dads who are attending. The first Saturday evening in December we will have the Christmas party at Sir John's for all those involved in ministries at the parish. Father shared a story of how when he was doing a Baptism the other day his eye went to a jar of peanut butter which was left for the hungry on the altar and how the altar was full of food! He is so proud of our parish efforts and how this leaves an impression on other's seeing this need and the generosity. We are continuing with our Food First Sundays and our brown bag initiative. Father said Jetta requested that after the 12 noon Mass if all could help out by replacing the books and kneelers and moving the food to the vestibule. Father announced that Norine Koenig passed and her funeral will be on Friday. Pat shared that her husband John, placed a rose on Norine's chair.

Allanna Hasselgren and Joan Zaborowski—Co-Moderators of Religious Education: smooth beginning to year and implementing all new measures in classes. Joan emphasized that they would like to have all parents pray with their children so all prayers can be memorized. Notes are going home to parents explaining. Sister Mary Rose is supporting our program the mentor and is encouraging all to know the Act of Contrition. Lori added that along with Sister Barbara they are a great team! Allanna discussed the success of the Confirmation Program and the first outing the children did was apple picking. They did this as a community and all of the apples went to the food pantry Neighbor to Neighbor to feed the hungry. The students gathered an abundance of apples. Teen Life attended and also participated. Val added that the leadership of Enza Dattero has been terrific in creating new elements to our Confirmation program. Next the students will participate in their own food drive at Stop & Shop at White Plains. The plan is to have all Confirmation students attend the 8:30 am Mass and then all do an activity together. Joan added that they are planning an activity for October 29th with Mr. Charlie Baker who does a one man show on the saints. Father said that this will be open to the whole parish.

Lori Schiliro-Chair, Project Embrace: Lori said that the coffee socials after the 10:30 am Mass are covered through December! The Sunday launch was great! 8th graders will be hosting soon. The pullout

program at the 10:30 am Mass is in need of volunteers. Denise needs help. Val suggested that perhaps Denise could speak at the 10:30 am Mass to ask for volunteers. Pasta night is being planned thanks to Rocco and Gina's leadership.

Val Sprague—Co-Chair, FIAT—Vera Scavone is Co-Chairing FIAT and is running an amazing Coat Line of Hope Project. We will then move into the Great Generation Pancake Breakfast and our Christmas Angel Program.

Pat Cummings--Respect Life Society—Pat said the Rosary for Life is said each week. We will be having the Blessing of our expectant and new parents. Pat also wished to express thanks to the Carthy family that hosted the coffee social and said it was wonderful.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Val Sprague.