

Saint Joseph Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 21, 2014

- I. Sister Colette provided the opening prayer for the International Day of Peace, Sept 21, 2014
- II. Welcome to new Members by John (Cheryl Furtek, Betty Kirby, Jack Laviolette (absent), and Joe Ryan)
- III. Roll Call – Absent were Matt Collins (has moved and will probably not be attending the meetings), Jack Laviolette (CCD commitments), Nina Mastrangelo, Maureen Petruzella, Carolyn Rousseau, Bernadette Scapin, Jason Street, Andy Wells, John Arasimowicz (CCD), Peggy Dunlop, Fr. Mike – Joe Bourquard and Mark Brennan came in after roll call
- IV. Religious Education – no report given as John A was absent. Betty Kirby said she will try to get any reports for future meetings.
- V. Activity Updates
 - a. Pastoral Ministry – Pat Momnie – Monthly communion calls continue – Shut in Census provided – Total shut-ins 113 with 26 in individual homes, 44 in nursing homes, 22 in assisted living and 21 in senior complexes
A Healing Mass is being planned for May 17, more information is to follow
RCIA has 3 new members; the program will start Tues Oct 21
 - b. St. Anne's Society – Josephine Daviau provided for Peggy Dunlop
Served for several funerals, provided desserts for the Polish picnic and Sharing Roots Festival, served at the Reception for the new Bishop, and is planning a reception for the Confirmation class on Oct 19.
 - c. Festival of Sharing Roots – John read a letter from Jack Laviolette.
Thanks were expressed to all who worked at the Festival of Sharing Roots, which was a success. A wrap up meeting to plan for next year's festival will take place Wed Sept 24, 2014 at 6:30p.m.in the North Chapel. Volunteers and parishioners are welcome to provide comments and suggestions and the date for next year's festival will be chosen.
Msgr Eugene F Marshall Council #103 is sponsoring a Scholarship and Charity Fundraiser Breakfast at the Parish Center on Sun Oct 26 from 8a.m. to 11a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and Children 5-12 years \$5.

Fall clean up date in Oct has yet to be determined. Bob Bouquet is preparing a list of things that need to be accomplished, let Bob know of any items you can think of

Orders are being taken for frozen uncooked Canadian Meat Pies \$5 each with a limit of 60 pies made, available for pickup at the Holiday Bazaar on Sat Nov 22.

d. Website - Mike Wheeler

A preview of the website was circulated to members of the council. The website is set to be up and running on Sept 29 some of the changes include different colors and the news is more compact. It should provide easier access.

VI. Pastor's Report from Michelle with the absence of Fr. Mike

St Francis has been sold to a church from Ghana

A Building (maintenance) commission is being formed with Jack Laviolette as the head and to include Joe Bourquard, Ray Costello, Joe Dahrouge, and Ron Rousseau.

VII. Sister Colette – Cathedral in the Night

The purpose is to be a welcoming community of faith to the unchurched, homeless, those living on the margins: where Jesus felt most comfortable. Sponsors are St. Stephens Episcopal Diocese - Jennifer Gregg and Zion Lutheran/Lutheran Synod - Timothy Weisman. St Joseph is offering space in front of the church and the St Joseph Folk group may possibly sing. The event will take place every Sunday at 2:00 regardless of the weather. St. Joseph may choose a Sunday at some point to sponsor the meal, when and if other churches get involved it may only be three times a year that St. Joseph would provide the meals.

Also mentioned was that nothing is being done for homeless women in the area. There is a benefit event and a silent auction on Oct 10, 2014 at the Whitney Center at 42 Wendell Ave from 6 to 8 p.m.

VIII. Oct 18 The Third annual Italian Dinner at Parish center tickets \$12 Children \$5
Gerry Dahrouge mentioned tickets can be obtained from Mary Paquette and the rectory. There will be pasta, meatballs, sausage, peppers and onions, salad and dessert and a cash bar.

Jeff Vincent mentioned this event will include the final drawing of the 20/20 club.

IX. Joe Dahrouge brought up that there are parishioners who can provide services for the church; tradesman who can do the work rather than hire. This is the same thing that was mentioned by Michelle in the Pastor's report, and a committee is being formed to identify the tradesmen of the church. Sister Colette mentioned the Work Force on Pearl Street who will also do work for \$10/hour and they are supervised.

- X. Phil Janchuk noted that he has begun an effort to ensure that bottles and cans are being recycled when there is a church function, there will be three containers for functions held at the church. The effort is initially focused on returnable containers and all money raised will go to the food pantry.
- XI. Jim Armstrong reported that the food pantry gets about 10 new people per week. There have been from 130 – 140 people on Wed morning. Nov 24 is the third annual turkey distribution for Thanksgiving at the South Congregational Church, over 1200 turkeys were needed last year and it is anticipated that this year over 1400 will be needed. St. Joe is responsible for 1400 cans of green beans, which we have. Donations to the food pantry from the church are 1 to 1 ½ carts a week now down from 3 carts in the past. We are looking for a new location to leave the food when people bring it to mass, as some of it is being taken before being put away into the food pantry.
- XII. Coffee - Dean's Beans is out of business and was taken over by Whorle's. We will be getting a new coffee maker.
- XIII. Deacon Pat noted that the church has nothing to do with Dunkin Donuts and the entire St Mary's property has been sold to the company. Pat Keegan would like the public to know what the church is paying for in taxes and upkeep security, etc. Pat noted that the diocese is preparing a press release on this subject. Deacon Pat says the deanery does not want individual churches to get involved in taking positions on the matter.
- XIV. Employees in the rectory need more parking spaces. A discussion pursued concerning the handicapped spaces and eliminating some of them or making them handicapped only on Sunday during mass. This will be discussed the next council meeting.

Next meeting Oct 19 – Due to confirmation on that date it will be held in the back part of the Parish Center unless there is a problem and Michele will let us know.

Fr Mike's 40th Anniversary mass is Oct 5. He will celebrate the 11:30 Mass followed by reception at center catered with St Anne's doing the dessert.