

ST. PIUS X PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes May 20, 2017

Present: Fr. John, Fr. Eric, Ed Dypa, Joan Konareski, Stephanie Lesick-Hernandez, Jan Oros, Christine Newton, Tim Brady, Maureen DePierro, Kathy Lampron, Susan Petrosino, Angela Scirpo, Andrew Berezowski, Paul Kokoszka

Excused: Dale Aldieri

Susan Petrosino called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Fr. John

Review and approval of May 23, 2017 Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes of May 23, 2017 Meeting made by Ed Dypa and Seconded by Angela Scirpo. Minutes approved and passed unanimously.

1. Review of Ministry Reports: Approved
2. New Parishioner Calls: March: Stephanie Lesick-Hernandez reported that there were 9 new parishioners registered and left 5 voice mails and no response to voice mail and/or e-mail follow-up. Response from a parishioner was that they were happy with St. Pius. One registered for marriage and one couple with a new born. April: Angela Scirpo was able to chat with 5 of the 8 parishioners and all were grateful we reached out to them.
3. Follow up on Parish Council Goals:
 - a. Engaging youth: Kim Molski: Lots of Sacraments during May. Special thanks to Andrew Berezowski for the Music and to youth group for helping with clean up and dishwashing after receptions. Final Youth Mass scheduled for 6/11/17 celebrating graduates with reception to follow and token gift to be given. Looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School. CYFM interaction Diocese reach out to youth targeting Middle School. Notre Dame, St John's Middletown & Cromwell, & St. Pius gathered to brainstorm. Initial activity was held at Sky Zone in Wallingford.
 - b. Young Adults: Fr. Erik reported lost Trivia undefeated status with 7 participants. Strawberry picking at Lyman Orchards is planned for June.
 - c. Communications: Fr. John stated meeting held two Saturdays ago. Facebook page is up and **running. Paula posting daily. A Drop Box was created for photos etc. Jerry Rankin created a video of the community garden planting and work in progress.**
 - d. **Handicap Access: Fr. John stated Stair Chair is in and has been used; Handicap seating is a work in progress.** Light and automatic door on side entrance are installed and functioning.
4. Intergenerational Activity: musical held 5/5- 5/7 with a cast of infant to 80. Good time by all. Funds raised \$1000 from Parish, \$2300 from Quilt Raffle and \$5000 from Ticket Sales.

Annual Parish Picnic to be held Sunday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be available for sale.

5. **Review of Holy Week & Easter:** Meeting re-scheduled for 5/30/17

6. **Calendar of nominations and elections:** Andrew Berezowski, Susan Petrosino, Paul Kokoszka & Joan Konareski have completed first terms and are eligible to enter drawing on Pentecost Sunday for a possible second term. Angela Scirpo has completed her second term and will be leaving the council.

7. **Initial Brainstorming of Format for September 2017 Parish Council Retreat:** what else out there to do? Sub headings of existing goals; Engaging seniors; List of other churches to reach out to; possibly holding retreat offsite.

8. **Friars:** Fr. John announced St. John Paul II School principal, Daryl Bullock will retire and Lawrence Fitzgerald will become the principal.

9. **From the Floor:** Angela Scirpo inquired about the possibility of doing a Brick Paver walk for the Outdoor Stations of the Cross memorial for Ann Loffredo.

10. Volunteer for Opening Prayer: Andrew Berezowski

11. Volunteer for New Parishioner Contact: Tim Brady

12. **Next Meeting Date:** June 20, 2017 to include returning and new members. An Evening Prayer Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting. Members may bring a snack to share at the close of the meeting.

13. Meeting called to close by: Susan Petrosino at 8:45 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Berezowski and seconded by Tim Brady. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Oros

Council Secretary