

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Council Minutes

February 12, 2020

Attendees: Fr. Robert, John Kruczek, Maureen Reed, Lauren Lindberg, Ted Kerrigan, Heather McDonnell, Tracy Blum, Jack Whalen, John Hoffman, Greg Lindberg, Peter Pfau, and Terry Readey

Absentee: Gini Mita

Guest Parishioner: Judy Acosta - Parish Mission Statement committee

Opening:

Prayer: Conducted by Fr. Robert

Reading: Rediscover Jesus - pp. 69 - 70

Approved were:

Minutes of January 8, 2020 Parish Council meeting

Content of the Parish Mission Statement

Fr. Robert's Report: Fr. Robert distributed the Financial Report and Parish Statistics for Fiscal Year 2019. He encouraged members to review for further discussion at next month's Parish Council meeting. These reports that also highlight the awesome generosity of our parishioners and students will be included as bulletin inserts at the Feb. 15 - 16 weekend Masses.

Parish Finance: 2020 Budget estimates a surplus including anticipated profits from the upcoming Carnival and Raffle income. Ken Mita and Dan Burns are new members to the Parish Finance committee.

Carnival & Raffle Report: It's CARNIVAL PLANNING time! Carnival dates are August 11 thru August 15, 2020. The first planning meeting to gather volunteers should be in March.

Education: As the Religious Education year winds down, the students are modeling stewardship through their Food Drives for Master's Manna and their contributions to children entering the Foster Care system. Planning for the 2020/2021 school year calendar and registration information are underway.

Peer Ministry: Lauren Lindberg joins the Parish Council as our Peer Ministry representative. Applications and review of members are being considered for Wallingford Community Service Awards and Archdiocesan Youth Youth Discipleship awards.

Social Action: Upcoming events include Baby Bottle Boomerang in March; CT March for Life (April 15th) and Healing Mass (April 22nd); Roses for Life - Mother's Day weekend and meal preparation for Wlfd Shelter.

Parish Life: Lenten Simple Suppers to begin Friday, Feb, 28th. March events are Easter Egg Hunt, Pancake Breakfast, and a "Your Devotion/My Devotion" event. Paint Night and Parents Night Out are being considered in April.

Buildings and Grounds: The major electrical work is anticipated to be completed by month end (weather permitting). Bids are being accepted for repair of church ceilings. Window repairs will follow.

Safety and Security: Sergeant David Blythe from the Wallingford Police Department confirmed that the plans being made to secure our Church and buildings are in line with the goal to provide a safer environment for our Parish community. Fr. Robert will inform parishioners via Mass and bulletin announcements.

Old Business:

Parish Mission Statement: Judy Acosta presented the newly created Parish Mission Statement put together by the committee. Further discussion for implementation using banners, plaques, website, bulletins, Church stationery was tabled for a future meeting.

Liturgy - Precious Blood of Christ: Further discussion is needed to decide if the Precious Blood should be offered at weekend Masses via intinction or distribution using the chalice. An increase of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist may be needed.

New Business:

Parish Council Meeting changes:

- March 11, 2020 location change: Meeting in the Rectory basement office (access through the garage).
- April 15 meeting changed to April 29, 2020
- May 13 meeting changed to June 10, 2020

CT March for Life - April 15, 2020 Terry Readey to contact Knights of Columbus to help with combined participation of all the Catholic Churches in Wallingford and bus transportation.

Diocesan Ministry Day: This event is offered through the Diocese of Bridgeport on March 7, 2020 at All Saints School in Norwalk and offers a parish council track. Cost is \$20 per person. Group discounts are offered for those attending as a team. Anyone interested please contact Terry Readey.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 7:00 P.M. in the PARISH RECTORY BASEMENT. (Access through the garage.)