

March 30, 2016

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Father Jason, Father Gerry, Deacon Larry Roberts, Donna Kelly, Amy Guerry, Paula Jaklitsch, Thomas Arnold, Jerry Caoile, Russ Whited, Catherine Dixon, Karen Boni, Christy Warren, Anne Snyder, Juan Avila, and Emerson Georgeto.

EXCUSE: Jennifer Mayen

NOT PRESENT: Deacon Dan McNerny, Marilyn Luengo, and Jeremy Rodriguez.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Parish Council President, Russ Whited.

OPENING PRAYER: Father Jason

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Russ gave Kudos to Cruz for the completion of the new ramps and hand rails in front of the church. It was noted that most parishioners are using them instead of stepping up onto the curve.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Amy Guerry made motion to accept the minutes as written. Donna Kelly seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Russ stated that preparations for elections for the Parish Council will begin in March. The goal is to get at least 12 nominations and to vote in 4 to 6 new members to the Parish Council. Father Jason may appoint 2 new members. Six members of the Parish Council will be completing their four year term on the Parish Council.

Russ will prepare announcements in the church bulletin about the nominations process. Amy will setup the process of making nominations on line via the internet.

Jerry began a discussion on trying to get a young person on the Parish Council. The recent change to the Parish Council By-Laws put the minimum age for serving at 16 years old. Father Jason indicated the possibility of establishing a mini-youth parish council for getting input and ideas from the young people's point of view. One youth member could then attend and participate in the Parish Council meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: Christy Warren reporting:

CCD is preparing for First Communion and wrapping up the CCD school year.

SPANISH CCD: No report.

YMP: Amy Guerry reporting:

On March 19th, 50 students attended the ICC confirmation retreat.

Confirmation interviews will be held on April 11th and 19th.

Confirmation at ICC is on April 27th.

Senior Sunday for graduates is set for June 5th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

RCIA: No Report.

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SPANISH RCIA: No report.

ADULT EDUCATION: No report.

YAMS: No report.

PARISH LIFE: Paula Jaklitsch reporting:

Ladies Guild

Will work the Taste of Goose Creek Dessert Booth 4/16 - Audrey Jones Chairperson.

Will host the Confirmation Dinner 4/27 - Chairperson Connie Barnhart.

First Communion Gift from Ladies Guild - 5/7 & 5/14 Chairperson Pat Kornahrens & Mary Ann Davis.

Knights of Columbus:

March 31 - O & D meeting at community center

April 7 - First Degree exemplification and business meeting at community center

April 9- Fourth Degree exemplification at Joseph Catholic church, Columbia

April 13- Assembly 1900 Fourth degree meeting

April 17- K of C Service Sunday

April 19- Special Olympics Games at Ft. Dorchester HS

April 21- Monthly Social at community center

April 22-24 - K of C 95th State Convention, Spartanburg, SC

April 28- O & D meeting at community center

April 30- May 6: " Holy Family Prayer Program" The Holy Family Icon will be displayed in the church. There will be scheduled prayers.

Catholic Daughters:

We have 206 rosaries for the First Communicants to be given to them on that day (will get them to the CCD Director); We have elections of officers in May along with our fund raising bake sale on Mother's Day. Nothing much going on with the parish right now.

AOH:

Brian Boru AOH members participated at 40 Days for Life, with members in attendance for over 90 hours, which is nearly 10 percent of the 960 hours of the vigil.

Our Ceili (pronounced KAY LEE) was well attended.

We had good participation at the Charleston St Patrick's Day Parade

4/10 - AOH Usher Duty at 5 PM mass.

4/16 - AOH will have a table with our award winning corned beef at TOGC

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Karen Boni reporting:

Liturgy Committee: No report.

Respect Life:

First Friday – April 1st. Public Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist. Confessions available from 6-7 p.m. Mass begins at 7 p.m. All night adoration till 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

April 30th – After evening Mass, 2000 Hail Marys will be prayed into the night till complete.

Third Saturday of every month, pray rosary in front of abortion mill,

Lay Association of St. Francis Caracciolo: Next meeting is April 26, 2016.

Alter Flower Ministry: No report.

Marian Society:

Jerry discussed schedule and signups for the 2000 Hail Marys in community center. He is requesting different church ministries to commit for at least an hour. Hail Marys can be said in the native language of participants.

There will be a community of prayer and pot luck dinner on Saturday April 30th in preparation for the Fatima Pilgrimage Statue visit. On Saturday, 7 May, procession into the church will take place at 4:30 p.m. (if time permits). After Mass, the presentation of Our Lady by Custodian. After Benediction at 8:30 p.m., the Statue is removed from the church.

On Sunday, 8 May, the Statue is placed in the church at 7 a.m. A day full of Masses and praying the Holy Rosary by various ministries is scheduled. After the closing prayer at 8:30 p.m., the Statue will be removed from the church completing the visit.

Final preparation meeting is set for April 14th from 7-8:30 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Russ commented on the parking over the Easter weekend. It was a full parking lot so there was some violations that were overlooked.

SPANISH REPORT: Juan Avila reporting:

Spring Spanish Emmaus Retreat for men is set for 22-24 April.

Brazilian Ministry: Emerson Georgeto reporting:

Translators are needed for the catechism classes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christy presented the report on the Columbarium.

The Columbarium Committee hopes to have the pricing set by December, 2016. The same company that built the Columbarium at Mepkin Abby is building the Columbarium at ICC. After pricing, spots in the Columbarium would be available for purchase. The middle spots (at eye level) would be most expensive. Financing would be available with a payment plan. There will be a parish meeting in May for an information presentation on the Columbarium.

Father Jason mentioned the spiritual benefits for the Columbarium. Once a month, a Mass would be offered for all those in the Columbarium.

Christy stated that there would be room for expansion as the spaces filled up in the Columbarium. Amy mentioned that the Stations of the Cross might be needed to be relocated closer to the sidewalk (to meet the requirements of the Columbarium).

Russ mentioned that there are different sizes of urns. Bigger slots would be needed in the Columbarium. This and the pricing is all to be determined after the architect provides the pricing for the Columbarium.

Other discussion points on the Columbarium included:

- No animals would be in the Columbarium.
- Columbarium would be for members of the Catholic faith.

Russ ended the discussion by giving special Kudos to Christy Warren and Jerry Arter for their initiative and involvement in the planning for the Columbarium.

Amy provided the report on the upcoming PC election of new members.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

DREAM SESSION: No report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Russ invited Deacon Larry and Father Gerry for comments or reports. Both had no comments.

Father Jason reported on the following:

Holy Week went well. Father Jason was especially please with Holy Friday musical presentation by the youth. Even though rehearsals were sometimes very trying, the youth exceeded Father Jason's expectations.

The request for a new organ has been approved by the diocese. The parish finance committee still has to meet to discuss the best way to come up with the funds needed. It would be beneficial to have the organ by next October because of the special event that is scheduled for that month. A loan from the diocese might be the most expedient way in the short term for the organ purchase.

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Mary and Mylene are chairing a committee for fund raising.

The estimated cost of the organ is \$162,000. The choir area will need alternations for the installation of the new organ. The estimated repair costs for rerouting electrical wiring and structural alternations are between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

A Eucharistic Congress will be held at ICC on October 7, 8, and 9. The mission is for teaching the church about the Eucharist. Activities during the weekend will include a procession of the Eucharist (possibly on Saint James Avenue), four special speakers on the Eucharist, and a Sunday teen youth rally involving the CCD and YMP programs. This would be a free mission for the parish. Refreshments and free food would be provided during the mission. Registration would be required with ID tags. Attendance would be limited to 800 participants. Headsets would be provided for Spanish translations.

Father Jason was asked about World Youth Day (WYD). Everything for WYD is ready and paid for. Amy stated that there will be two more fund raisers to help teens with spending money and to buy souvenirs to give out as gifts to attendees from other countries. The youth are also preparing hundreds of rosaries to be given out also.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Father Jason closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next PC Meeting will be on Monday, 25 April 2016.

April's meeting is scheduled for at Monday, 25 April 2016 at 7:05 in the library of the AMC.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Arnold, Secretary