

Saint George's Parish Council Meeting November 16, 2024, Minutes

Present: Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Bob Keiser, Regina Beausejour, Maggie Bruno, Noreen Wolleben, Jeri Perkins, Peter Perkins, George Goulet, Elizabeth Kozarec and Enzo Taverna

Guests: Maria Hacker & Sheila Lee

Absent: Isabel Torello, Nancy Talalas & Valerie Campanelli

The meeting began at 11:45 am with an opening prayer from Yolande as Father Dillon was conducting baptisms.

Fran: It has been a crazy hectic time with Thanksgiving and Christmas. CCD is going well. Noreen passed around the Novena for Blessed Father Michael McGiveny to be done by the council. The intentions are at the request of the Campanelli family and for Michael's healing from brain cancer. The Parish is collecting turkeys from 11/22 thru 11/24. Fran mentioned that there is no longer free coffee for the ministries. We are tightening the budget unless it is a parish wide event.

Enzo: CCD is going well. The Peer Ministry conducted a human trafficking presentation with new speakers who were more engaging. Trinita did not happen this year as there were not enough chaperones. Fran and Yolande mentioned that the council should know about this if it happens again so we can get volunteers. All chaperones need to have Veritas training and a background check to work with children and the elderly. Enzo agreed to ask Claire to reach out to the council in the future. An ongoing problem with the Peer Ministry is getting the peer ministers to show up for church.

Betty Jane/Yolande: The Ministry Fair was a success! Yolande and Betty Jane thanked everyone for their hard work and for volunteering. A rough estimate of attendees would be 125 to 150 for all 3 masses. Father mentioned that we accomplished everything we set out to do regardless of the number of attendees. Discussion ensued that commitment by the parishioners may be a problem. Father stated that we have a lot of activities compared to other parishes.

George: The bus trip to Radio City Music Hall is fully booked with 48 people for 12/14/2024. There is a waiting list.

New Ideas: Sheila brought up the various retreats available from Enders Island to Sacred Heart on the Lake. Sister Lanny Jo from Sacred Heart on the Lake also travels to give retreats. Right now Sister Lanny Jo is booked until the end of Easter. Fran suggested a September date for a retreat before CCD starts. Deb selected the book theme of "One Book One Parish" and the selected book is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*. Pete and Jeri Perkins will help make this a chili and cornbread event with discussion after reading the book. The book is about how people worked to save others from the holocaust. Participants will have to purchase the book to attend the event on February 8, 2025 @ 5:30 pm. Tickets will have to be pre-paid, and the suggested price is \$20 per person. Noreen said she will see if the book can be ordered through the monastery. Recognition of the ministries was brought up and Father mentioned that some people do not want to be recognized. Father approved of a congratulation dinner for the ministry leaders. Something simple with a lite reception. Deb suggested that going forward each council member bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting that we can donate to the food pantry. Yolande mentioned parishioners dropping off extra candy after Halloween. We need donations for postage as it is expensive.

All approved of same. Maria Hacker is a guest interested in joining the council. Yoland welcomed all to attend. Discussion ensued about targeting the younger age group. Pentecost is June 8th 2025 and the theme is "Crossroads for Christ". The "Forward in Faith" program is on hold for the time being. Father will have further information put in the bulletin. Right now, the bricks are being held.

Closing prayer by Father at 1:22 pm

Our Next Meeting is January 26, 2025, after the 10:30 am mass.