

## **Saint George's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2024**

**Present:** Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Sue Croce, Isabel Torello, Bob Keiser, Thom Duffy, Elizabeth Kozarec, Bill White, Sergio Garcia-Perez, Kennedy Teasdale, Jill Kennelly

**Absent:** Valerie Campanelli & Nancy Talalas

**New council members:** Maggie Bruno, George Goulet & Regina Beausejour

The meeting began at 11:41 am with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.

**The minutes from April 2024 were approved by all with minor revisions that Jody will get to Fran for posting on the website.**

**Yolande:** Yolande welcomed the new parish council members. Father mentioned he has a book of blessings and in the fall, he will bless the new parish council to start off the new year. Yolande spoke about the graduation and that we have many volunteers. Bob will buy the ice and water as we had too much last year. Volunteers should get there around 3 pm to help. Deb and Betty Jane will make a donation box for "free will offering" for anyone who wishes to donate.

**Father Dillon:** We had two 1<sup>st</sup> communions with 25 children at each session. Each section of the church was two thirds full. Many people came to the May crowning inside and outside. We are now in summer mode preparing for summer events. The liturgical year events are now completed.

**Fran:** Fran will be meeting with CCD teachers to set the fall schedule. Claire is getting ready for the Portugal/ Spain trip. The date for the stewardship fair cannot be set until the CCD and fall schedules get set. Per Thom, the brick campaign was completed, and we raised approximately \$200,000 on this fundraiser. The Forward With Faith campaign is ongoing. Fran will put something about it in the bulletin when there is space.

**Youth Representatives/Sergio, Kennedy & Izzy:** Sergio reported for the group. Yolande praised Sergio on his wonderful multicultural event and three council members attended and echoed the sentiment. Nine groups performed and over 300 attended the event. Sergio hosted in a professional manner with a tuxedo. CCD classes are over, and all went well. Fundraising for the Spain trip is ongoing with an upcoming car wash on May 25, 2024, at Palumbo's. No rain date for the car wash. Donations for the wash are approximately \$10 to \$20. Fundraising for the Appalachia trip is also happening with a car wash on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the church parking lot. 65 attendees are going on the trip which is chaperoned by Catherine Conroy and Jennie Smith (St. John Bosco). Two of the peer ministers are graduating this year. Sergio is attending University of New Haven for engineering and Kennedy is attending Sacred Heart and will be on the equestrian team.

**Yolande/New business:** Our end of year meeting will be June 23, 2024, after mass. We will have a brief meeting followed by a luncheon. Deb volunteered to coordinate the dishes with the council. Sue mentioned that the council pins do make a difference. At 8 am mass, she was thanked by a parishioner for serving. Yolande will recognize incoming and outgoing members of the council in the bulletin. Meetings for the council are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month following the 10:30 am mass. The parish picnic was discussed, and Thom will discuss this with Joe Nelly (Knights of Columbus) The council all agreed that we would provide dessert, possibly ice cream. The proposed date now is September 8, 2024.

Father mentioned that Nora O'Donnell has an interview with Pope Francis on 60 minutes on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and CBS will re-air it on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10 pm.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:13 pm

Our Next Meeting is June 23, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 mass.