

**Holy Name of Mary
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2012**

Parish Council Members:

Present

Andy Mulhall Jr. (President), Jacqueline Anfiteatro (VP), Rich Corvinus, Pat Mackin, Connie Derbabian, Adam Rodriguez, Debi Braddick (Secretary)

Parish Council Ministry Representatives:

Present

Marjorie Gilbert (Liturgy), Guadalupe Frattini (Spanish Min.), Tom Faranda (Respect Life)

Absent

Teresa Jankovic (Finance Council)

Staff:

Present

Rev. Brian Brennan, Deacon Al Mazza, Ron Pantoliano (Evangelization), Rev. Nelson Couto, Cheryl Comitto (Administrator), Eve Steier (Music), Regina O'Leary (Religious Ed), Jeanne-Marie Gagnon (Montessori), Carl Barnes (Youth Group), Natalie Burrows

Absent

Rob Gadomski (Youth Minister)

Supporting Parishioners:

Mike Lavery (Vicariate Council), Joe Anfiteatro (Knights of Columbus), Chris Furnari (Head Ushers)

Attending Parishioners

Barbara Storck, Ginny Cawley, Bill Wojnar, Karen Allen, Hallie Wolfe, Sean O'Rourke, Hugh O'Neill, John McGinis, Frank Burrows

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

Andy Mulhall, Parish Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, and led the parish council prayer..

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes of the October 22, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Adam Rodriguez and seconded by Pat Mackin.

Finance Council

- Teresa Jankovic absent (No Report submitted)

Parish Administrator Report

- copy attached

Liturgy Update

- Liturgical Calendar was handed out (see attached)

Respect Life

- No Report submitted

Evangelization Update

- Three teens are currently meeting weekly.
- One adult has shown interest and is scheduled to meet this week with Ron.

Spanish Ministry Update

- No Report submitted

Youth Ministry

- December 1 Sleep Out for the Homeless 4PM until December 2 10 AM
- Request support from Parish Council visit support provide hot refreshment and donations.
- Attendance at weekly meetings has increased to 10 - 12 youth per week.
- Youth from St Augustine's Church, Croton will provide hot coca to teens at 10PM at the December 1st Sleep Out.
- Youth group from St Augustine's and HNMYG have shown interest in attending worship service together at both houses of worship.

Survey Results Questions 1, 2, 3,4, ,8 were presented and moderated by Ron:

Q1. These areas of weekend Masses in general are:

- The most frequently mentioned comment was a preference for a noon mass on Sunday.
- The next most frequent comments concerned changing the 7:45 mass back to 8:00.
- Slightly less frequent were comments regarding sense of welcome and hospitality. Specific suggestions included having a "smiling" greeter, name tag Sundays, and EM's shaking hands at the end of mass.
- Equally frequent was concern about the length of time the children spend at CCD followed by the 10:45 mass.
- There were two comments advocating for a Sunday evening mass.
- There were also two comments about the need for a thorough cleaning of the church & chapel.

Q2. Based on content, impact and delivery the quality of the homilies is:

- There was a preference for homilies that are concise and address a single topic.
- The next most frequent comments concerned homilies that are "dark" or inappropriate for the audience, either too hard to understand or addressing topics such as rape and abortion, especially at the family mass.
- Several comments concerned being less doctrinaire and more pastoral in homilies. The respondents feel that at times they are being talked down to and judged; they would prefer uplifting sermons that relate the readings to everyday life in the 21st century.

Q3. The music at the Mass I usually attend enhances the liturgy:

- Overwhelmingly positive for Eve and her voice (31 comments)
- 11 comments saying Even should speak less
- 17 comments on poor quality of cantors

Q4. The liturgical ministers in our parish are:

- 8 comments saying they are all good
- 6 comments saying lectors should practice more
- 9 comments saying child ushers are not a good idea

Q8. The spiritual programs offered to parishioners are:

- “Don’t know” was highest percent on all five sections.
- Need more missions and days of Recollection.
- Stations of the Cross - want different ministries to lead, update literature, and have a priest lead some stations. Also have stations in the afternoon.
- Eucharist Devotion - have a sign-up sheet, try all day Devotion or more than just First Friday.
- Add Marian Devotions.
- Add more prayer groups, some are not aware that we do have a prayer group and bible study.
- The Lent small groups will like us to have books for them to purchase.
- CYO should have only Catholic teams.

Move to Adjourn and Final Prayer

- The closing prayer was led by Father Brennan. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Next Meeting Date: To be Determined

Respectfully Submitted,
Debi Braddick
Parish Council Secretary

Handouts from meeting: