

**Holy Name of Mary  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2013**

**Parish Council Members:**

**Present**

Jacqueline Anfiteatro, Debi Braddick, Andy Mulhall, Connie Derabain, Pat Mackin,  
Rich Corvinus

**Parish Council Ministry Representatives:**

**Present**

Marjorie Gilbert (Liturgy), Tom Faranda (Respect Life), Joe Costanza (Knights),

**Excused**

Tom Condon (Spiritual Dev.), Guadalupe Frattini (Spanish Min.),  
Teresa Jankovic (Finance Council)

**Staff:**

**Present**

Rev. Brian Brennan, Deacon Al Mazza, Cheryl Comitto (Administrator),  
Carl Barnes (Youth Group)

**Excused**

JeanMarie Gagnon)

**Absent**

Fr. Nelson Couto, Eve Steier (Music), Regina O'Leary (Religious Ed),  
Ron Pantoliano (Evangelization), Rob Gadomski (Youth Minister)

**Supporting Parishioners:**

Mike Lavery (Vicariate Council), Mike Sullivan (Trustee)

**Call to Order & Opening Prayer**

- Andy Mulhall, Parish Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM, and led the parish council prayer.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

- The Minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Rich Corvinus and seconded by Joe Costanzo. Parishioners have indicated the website has not been updated with PC minutes. The request was made to have the minutes placed on the website.

## **Finance Council**

- Teresa Jankovic had sent a note indicating she would be absent and would ask to have another member attend and present the three month update. However, no representative attended and no report was submitted.

## **Parish Administrator Report**

- copy attached

## **Liturgy Update**

- Marjory Gilbert reported Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:30 after the noon mass on Friday during lent. Stations will also take place at the Chapel at 7:30 PM on Friday evening during Lent. Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held at the Church.
- Lenten Talks on Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening 3/12 and 3/19 in the Church.
- Mike Lavery reported Soup and Cinema on Sunday starting at 4:30 PM all are invited. Dates are 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24. Rose Raffa and the Lavery's will host. Please call to advise if you are attending.
- Holy Thursday service change being considered consensus was to wait until 2014 to introduce change from priests and deacons to parishioners washing feet.
- Lady Chapel in rear of church will be set up and not the parish center for Repository. The Holy Thursday procession will flow to the Lady Chapel.
- Saturday April 13th is the anniversary mass 25, and 50 years (question whether it is 25 30 35 40 45)
- Sunday April 14th is the rededication of the gym and it is a living memorial to James Moore.

## **Respect Life**

- Upcoming Midnight Run 3/8 4/5 and 5/18 Friday Night
- Three parishioners to webcam on Tuesday 3/26/2013 at 3 PM with the Journal News Editorial Board. Regarding recent editorial in favor of Gov. Cuomo expansion of abortion stand which is pending.

## **Old Business**

- Meeting for vendor for roof and facilities scheduled March.
- Roof work to start to start 4/1/13
- Contract and cost remains the same delay due to Sandy
- Entrance to church will not be effected
- Contract calls for 90 day completion expect 45 day completion

## **God Squad**

- Carl Barnes reported numbers of teens attending is increasing. Currently 10 -12 a week.
- Activities with Episcopal Church teens in the planning stages.
- Hosting a sunrise mass outdoors for Easter 2014 to be discussed and planned with Liturgy The Hudson River, Senesqua Park, Vassello Park, Croton Point possible choices.
- St Patrick Day Party teens to watch children of parents attending the party. Movies, games activities for the children supervised by adults. This is a God Squad fund raising effort for African School. Parish has supported the school in the past.
- Spiritual activity at the CYFM Garrison Retreat Center Day by Day retreat March boys April girls to attend.
- Loaves and Fish and Midnight Run activities will continue with God Squad currently 9 - 12 grade.

- Goals to partner with Spanish Ministry, have walking with Purpose speak with youth, plant million trees with Bronx Youth group.

### **Spanish Ministry Update**

- No report submitted

### **Knights of Columbus**

- December the Christmas ornament each family received was a gift to the parishioners from the Knights.
- January Sam and Karen Columbo honored at the Knights Dinner for their outreach in the community Croton Caring Committee.
- February The Knights were at Scout Sunday and participated as the Color Guard at the mass.
- March the Knights cooked and served at the St Patrick Day Dinner. Another sold out event.
- The Knights are the largest organization for the Catholic Church here each Sunday they assist at the VA where mass is held for the veterans.
- Easter Egg Hunt for children on Easter Sunday.
- May Communion Breakfast honoring and supporting HNMMS to include a speaker.
- Golf outing end of May

### **New Business**

- Parishioners questions regarding the recent staff hiring of (2) bookkeepers replacing Mary Roach ( the bookkeeper of 27 years) for HNM. What are the credentials, background, and additional questions for the Finance Council of results required, position guides for the position and what effect does this have on the 2013 budget? Request that a bio placed in bulletin letting parishioners know more about staff.
- HNMMS how many of the families signing up for 2013- 2014 are members of the HNM parish? How many of the families currently registered and attending HNMMS are parishioners of the parish? How many students are registered and how many are scheduled to attend in 2013- 2014. It was mentioned that a large monetary gift from a former students family helped make the 2013 school budget.
- Jim Moore and Tim Higgins are running the 2013 -300 Club and the proceeds benefit HNM.
- Summerfest Jacqueline Anfiteatro to head up 2013 Summerfest articles in bulletin Marie Considine to place information on Facebook page and help with publicity. Adam Rodriguez has again agreed to help and the team is looking for volunteers to assist with other functions. Raffle tickets will be a 50/50 with a \$5.00 purchase price and will be printed using a vendor and not the staff of HNM. Draft reviewed and correction noted.

### **Adjourn and Final Prayer**

- The closing prayer was led by Father Brennan. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

**Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2013 at 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debi Braddick  
Parish Council Secretary

**Handouts from meeting:**

## **Parish Administration report on January 25, 2013**

### **Facility**

#### **Current Projects:**

- Ceiling tiles replaced or repaired on 4<sup>th</sup> floor, and 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- Room 4B painted and ceiling repaired.
- Base moldings replaced as needed
- Replaced 2 door knobs,
- Laundry/Store room clean up and maintenance
- Plaques for 4<sup>th</sup> floor renovation are approved and are being produced.
- Exit sign audit done Jan. 23.
- Chapel furnace maintained
- Painting of stairwell (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Parish Center) being done by volunteer.
- 10 Tables donated by Knights of Columbus are in the gym. Old tables in disrepair being discarded.

#### **Pending:**

- Chimney Cap (Rectory) flew off during storm.. replacement pending (Need LIFT)
- Pending: Buzzer from front door of Parish Center needs repair.

#### **Scheduling**

- Working with Ministries for scheduling of Communion Breakfast in May, Marriage Course on Mondays,
- Scout Mass in February, Teen Theater rental for April Fund Raiser.

#### **Parish Events (highlights):**

- Feb. 1 – Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM
- Feb. 2 - Candelaria Celebration 6PM
- Feb. 3 – 10:45 Mass highlighting Scouts
- Feb. 12 – Mardi Gras
- Feb. 13 – Ash Wednesday 8AM, noon, 4PM Service, 7:30PM
- Feb. 14 to 17, ACTS Mens' Retreat
- Mar. 1 - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM
- Mar. 9 – First Reconciliation
- Mar. 16 – St. Patrick's Party

#### **Other**

- Met with representative from Cardinal's Appeal 2013 to review plans for campaign.
- Our Bookkeeper retired after 27 years. New bookkeeper hired.
- Website volunteer is asking us to take over the maintenance of the website.

## **Parish Administration report on February 22, 2013**

### **Facility**

- Snow removal for February: 2/3, 2/5, 2/6, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/11, 2/14 ....
- Painting of stairwell (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Parish Center) progresses.
- Discarding of Old tables from gym a challenge.
- Parish Meeting room and hallway rugs cleaned during Winter break
- Gas leak in front of Parish Center on Feb. 10 addressed by Con Edison
- Flagpole needs to be restrung and new flag to replace frayed one.
- Steps from Grand to Park between rectory and Church require repair.

### **Still Pending:**

- Chimney Cap (Rectory) flew off during storm; replacement pending (Need LIFT)
- Pending: Buzzer from front door of Parish Center needs repair.
- *We are having a Roof Project kick-off meeting on Friday March 1 at 3PM to discuss Logistics: scaffolding, staging area, electrical support, water supply, scheduling.*
- *This meeting will include a rep from Watsky Associates (Tom or Luigi), our electrician*
- *John Whelan, and the Cro-International rep. and the Facilities Committee.*

### **Parish Events (highlights):**

- Mar. 1 - Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM
- Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 – Stations of Cross at 12:30 and 7:30
- Mar. 9 – First Reconciliation
- March 10, 17, 24 – Sunday Soup & Cinema
- March 12, 19- Lenten talks 12:30 & 7:30
- Mar. 16 – St. Patrick's Party
- Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 – Holy Thursday: Tenebrae at 9AM, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30
- Mar. 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae at 9AM, Passion of the Lord at 3PM, Stations at 7:30
- Mar. 30 – Easter Vigil at 8PM
- Mar. 31- Easter Sunday Masses
- Mar. 31- K of C Egg Hunt

### **Other**

- Met with representative from ICS (Archdiocese supplier) to discuss pricing for next copy machine contract.
- New bookkeeper Logos training with Archdiocese rep going well

## **From Respect Life Cluster (Tom Faranda)**

### **Upcoming Midnight Runs**

- Friday March 8
- Friday April 5
- Saturday May 18

Here are some photos and a little text on the March for Life which our parish heavily supported.

<http://hvcljournal.typepad.com/lifenet/2013/01/high-energy-youth-and-record-numbers-mark-40th-march-for-life-in-dc.html>

Also, two parishioners and another Croton resident (Faranda, Judy Anderson, and Antoinette Cosentino MD) will be meeting this Tuesday with the Lohud/Journal News editorial board regarding their recent editorial in favor of Gov. Cuomo's expansion of abortion, which is pending. The meeting will be webcast at 3PM Tuesday. The abortion rate nationally is 20% (1 in 5 pregnancies terminated). According to NYS and NYC health dept., the rate in NY State is 30%, In NYC 40%, and in the Bronx among non-Hispanic African-Americans it is 61%. Evidently not enough for the abortion lobby. Lastly, 40 Days for Life Vigil going on throughout Lent at Planned Parenthood in Greenburgh.