

**Church of St. Patrick  
Parish Council Meeting  
Monday, November 6, 2017**

**Present:** Father Thomas Barry

**Members Present:** Susan Chudwick, Susan Collins, Fernando Macaro, Karen Mastella, Rita Monahan, Mike Netkovick, Tim Pedrotty, Marie Macaro, Bev Montresor, Jeff Pingpank

**Ex Officio:** Eileen Dignazio, Deacon Bill Farrell

**Absent:** Deacon Bob Barry, Monica Blum, John DiTommaso, Ed Fisher, Tom Gleifert, Patricia McLaughlin, Kate Noe

**Guest:** Gloria Farrell

1. Opening prayer: Rita Monahan
2. Approval of October Meeting Mins.  
Motion to approve by Fernando Macaro, seconded by Jeff Pingpank.
3. Pastor's discussion:
  - a. Rectory renovation of siding and windows is in progress. Another 2-3 weeks to finish. All windows will be replaced because enough funds were donated to cover it.
  - b. Church expansion plan will be presented to the town historical commission at its December meeting because Father will be in Israel for its November meeting.
  - c. New Saturday Mass time of 5:00pm- attendance was down. New Monday confession time was well attended.
  - d. Our Christmas Eve Masses will be at the usual times of 3:30, 5:30 and 10:00pm.
  - e. Short discussion of recognizing visitors at Mass will be referred to the Liturgy Committee.
4. Ministries Updates:
  - a. Ministries – Marie Macaro:
    - i. The Liturgy Committee is planning a Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, November 19th, at 3:00 in the afternoon to celebrate the lives of deceased members of the parish who died within the past year as well as all of our deceased family and friends.
    - ii. The International Bazaar will be held the weekend of November 18-19<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. There is a search going on for a replacement for Linda Regius to chair the Food Drive Ministry. Sue D'Addario is helping temporarily. Food donations used to go to Sacred Heart in Hartford which has closed and merged into St. Lawrence. Eileen volunteered to look into the situation and make a recommendation on future collections.
  - b. Religious Education - Eileen Dignazio:
    - i. A winter clothing collection was taken for children currently residing in Waterbury that were displaced by the hurricane in Puerto Rico.
    - ii. Advent wreath workshop will take place on and there will be a \$5 charge.
  - c. Youth Ministry – Eileen presented notes from Curtiss Stella:  
Curtiss is looking to establish a ministry for young adults of college age or in their early-mid twenties, for those who live and work or attend college in the

area and can attend regularly as well as those who live away and may only be able to attend occasionally.

d. Peer Ministry – Fernando Macaro:

Meeting every Sunday at 10:30 at the group's preference. There is good momentum so far with about 10 kids in regular attendance. Service activity is being planned for December 17<sup>th</sup> to bake cookies for My Sister's Place.

5. New/Old Business:

- a. Octoberfest Recap: A total of \$2,902 was collected, of which \$1,300 was raised by the silent auction. Expenses were \$1,646. Approximately 180 signed up to attend, and about 40 volunteers assisted at the event. Note for next year- adult couples paid the "family cost" of \$20 so the admission charge should be reviewed.
- b. Christmas Tree Lighting: Plans are underway for Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-6pm. Karen Mastella is organizing. The funds left over from the Oktoberfest will be used to offset any costs of the Christmas Tree event or other future event as the funds collected for the Oktoberfest were not intended as a fundraiser.
- c. Parish Council Election: Three vacancies will need to be filled for Susan Chudwick, Susan Collins and Mike Netkovick who will finish their terms. Elections need to be completed by the end of December, so nominations need to be completed within the next few weeks.
- d. New Parish Families outreach: the parish office provided a list of 15 new parish families. Mike Netkovick will assign a Parish Council member to contact each of these families with a personal welcome. Eileen Dignazio will provide a script of talking points.
- e. Deacons Conference: Deacon Bill Farrell gave a summary of a deacons conference that he attended, with messages of evangelization and responsibility to raise our youth to follow Jesus.

6. Closing prayer: Deacon Bill Farrell

7. Meeting Adjourned: @ 8:30 pm

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

9. Respectfully submitted: Susan Collins