

Church of Francis de Sales
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

Attendees: Father Gerry, Chuck Dawson, Claudia Hale, Helen Yacobucci, Leon Iveson, Ed McNamee, Cheryl Henig, Eric Chadwell, Phillip Sanderson, Susan Sanderson, and Mike Henig(observer).

Claudia welcomed the new Parish Council members and began the meeting with the Diocesan Prayer.

Previous meeting Minutes

Claudia said the minutes were approved via email. Minutes were posted on the bulletin board by the secretary and a copy was given to Mary Marshall by Chuck Daeson

Committee Reports

Administrative Report (Chuck D.

Chuck submitted a report. See Attacment A

Financial Report (Leon Iveson)

Leon submitted a report. See attachment B

FdS needs fund raisers to increase income. He suggested that the new Parish Council discuss ideas.

Liturgy – Michele Oliver Jon Oliver

Father Gerry mentioned that most of the minisitries are coming back. He has not heard from the choir about starting back.

Report submitted by Jon Oliver: “ I have attempted to think about and reach out to the small amount of acolytes that I have left, and due to Covid the youth group has been suspended.”

From Shelly Oliver: “Father Gerry has been handling the liturgy responsibilities while I am doing my cancer treatment. He will be the best one to report”.

Father will attach a letter to the electronic bulletin concerning the Bishop’s letter ending both the COVID restrictions and Sunday dispensations at the end of June.

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Social Outreach (Helen Yacobucci)

There has only been one request for assistance (electric bill) since the last Parish Council meeting.

The Snack Pack program has received a \$10,000 donation from the Mathews Community Foundation. This has been shared among the churches supplying the packs. The FdS portion is approximately \$3,000.

Hospitality (Valerie Smith)

Report sent to Claudia: "Hospitality nothing to report. Unable to attend due to work this evening. Just a side note that last BBQ event I didn't get any BBQ in one of my meals and had 2 beans. Also, the event should be blasted on Facebook and shared on the different FB groups to get the word out. I spoke to a number of folks this weekend who never heard or saw anything. Just shareing what folks have said".

Greeters (Paul Reardon)

No report submitted.

RCIA and Teen Sacramental Preparation (Cheryl Henig)

We have a new couple in the parish. The wife will complete the RCIA program at FdS in hopes of obtaining the sacraments next Easter.

The youth will be starting back soon.

Parish Life Rita Engle (Helen Yacobucci)

Helen noted that the parish picnic will take place in September.

Eucharistic Ministers (Rick Churray)

No report submitted.

Ushers (Mark Sopko) –

No report submitted.

Religious Education (Michele Haas/Liz Hospodar)

No report submitted.

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Lectors (Ed McNamee)

A schedule for readers will come out soon.

Old Business

Scots BBQ - June Fund Raiser(Claudia Hale)

Claudia explained the fund raising process for the new P.C.

She gave the following information:

June 16th is the delivery date in order to celebrate Father's Day (20th). We are currently saturating the community with

flyers including online contact information. An email was sent on 04/07/2021 to Scoot's (Karen) to reserve the date and she confirmed. We still need transportation for food from either Daffodil's or Scoot's at Karen's choice. Also needed is community advertisement. This entails posting flyers in post offices, fire stations, Moughan's, M&M, and also in Gloucester. To date, we have approximately 30 orders. Ed McNamee has posted the information on the FdS website and a Gazette ad was placed in Wednesday's paper.

Orders must be placed by 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 12.

New Business

The newly elected Parish Council include Ed McNamee, Dennis Geary, Cheryl Henig, Eric Chadwell, Mary Flaherty, Phillip Sanderson and Susan Sanderson.

The new Parish Council Officers are : Chair – Susan Sanderson, Co-Chair – Eric Chadwell, and Secretary – Cheryl Henig

Other Fund Raisers

The Parish Council will discuss fund raisers such as a spaghetti dinner in September with inside seating for 30 and takeout for 20 or 30 people, or a chicken dinner for eat-in/take-out. The P.C. was asked to explore other options for the discussion. This discussion will take place at the next Parish Council meeting.

Claudia will contact Valerie Smith to resume hospitality after Sunday Masses.

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The next Parish Council Meeting is August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Eric Chadwell will give the opening prayer and Ed McNamee will give the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned after Eric Chadwell gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl B. Henig, Secretary

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Attachment A

ADMINISTRATION REPORT TO

PARISH COUNCIL

June 8, 2021

1. Our attendance at mass has dramatically increased in the last few Sundays and we are currently leaving the 6' separation up to the individuals as it is not a requirement. However, we are not currently passing the collection plate but announcing that the tall basket is at the rear of the sanctuary for their contribution.
2. When we built our new worship space in 1987, COV donated the cost of one of our stained - glass windows which was \$1200.00. COV is currently building their new worship space and our Finance Council approved and it has been sent our donation to COV of \$2000 toward the cost of choir chairs and pews.

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Attachment B

Finance Report to Parish Council

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Funding Snapshot as of the end of April 2021:

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| Offertory Income: | \$128,399 |
| Offertory Budget: | <u>\$132,000</u> |
| Difference: | -\$3,601 |
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| Total Income: | \$143,929 |
| Total Expenses: | <u>\$138,721</u> |
| Income Minus Expenses: | \$5,208 |

As we reached the end of April, our Offertory income was \$3,601 Less Than our budget. That said, we were able to meet our required expenses when you compare total income versus total expenses.

Funding Related Issues:

1. Income: As we move forward, we are counting on continued Parishioner support and generosity. The bulletin includes a note to show everyone the many ways to support our Parish, especially during these difficult times.
2. There are lots of worthwhile opportunities for parishioners to make a difference with their money, but we need to continue to encourage everyone to fund our Parish first so we can meet our budget and remain viable.
3. Fundraising: We desperately need to make a strong push for more Parish fundraisers throughout the fiscal year. I strongly recommend the Parish Council create a subcommittee to brainstorm, organize, and execute future fundraisers.

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