

St. Charles Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Opening, Call to Order**

Date: January 17, 2023 Time: 6: 30 PM

In Attendance:

**Fr. Michael, Deacon Don, Bob James, Pat James, , Mary Beth Briggs, , Maureen Bochman , Andrea Scott, John McCormick, Mike Strub, Terry Strub, Bill Nottingham, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, , David Scott, Scottie Paschall, , Tara Ashworth, Marta Rose, ,**

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

November's Minutes were approved - Moved Karey , Second Scottie

Questions, Comments: Mary beth was in attendance for November meeting; she was late and inadvertently marked as absent

**Finance Council** Reported by:

no report

**Archives** Chair: Marge Surran

No report

**Ecumenical** Chair: Mary Beth Briggs

No report

**Facilities Management** Chair: Committee

- Baby changing tables are installed
- New toilet is installed in the parish bathroom
- Students from VCU and ODU are coming again, estimated for 3 days to work at St. Charles; we are itemizing a list for them – fixing a fence; filling holes in the yard and parking lot; fixing screens; washing rte 13 sign; general yard work
- There was a question about dusting the rafters and fans; we are getting a quote from service master
- There was a question about putting a sign that there is a baby changing station- or putting a notice in the bulletin- to alert families of the availability

**Helping Hands** Chair: Joan Natali

No report

**Hispanic Ministry:** Chair: Guadalupe Panuco

No report

**Migrant Ministry:** Chair: Karey Fallon

- AWAC meeting this coming Sunday to try to increase coordination between the camps for this summer; We have an upcoming Agriculture Worker Advocacy Coalition (AWAC) meeting on January 22, 2023. We, along with other Eastern Shore area Churches (St Peter/St Andrew, among others) are trying partner with AWAC, whose focus is on the improvement of worker conditions, in an effort to coordinate outreach.
- John Raitz has applied for a diocese grant for \$5000 to assist mm

**Parish Life:** Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

- Advent Pot Luck Dinner was a glorious evening filled with the magic of laughter, warm smiles, endearing hugs and Father Michael read to us a heartfelt poem about "Being Grateful." Pot Luck was more than just Luck...Thank You to All, for making your special dish or dessert, a taste bud adventure that we can all envision looking forward to enjoying again next year.
- New parishioner dinner set, last weekend in January (one on Saturday and one on Sunday); discussion if the dinner should include outreach to non registered Catholics and consensus is to invite them. Parish council members need to attend (both if possible) and please rsvp. Please plan to briefly describe what your ministry accomplishes.

**Religious Ed:** Chair: Kevin Fallon

Religious Education

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- We continue to hold morning sessions from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm and afternoon sessions from 2:45 pm to 3:50 pm. Our head count has held at 21 children and young adults: 17 for Sacramental Preparation and 4 for continued Faith Formation.
- Six candidates are scheduled to celebrate their First Reconciliation the weekend of January 21-22, 2023. Our Winter/Spring class will now transition to preparations for First Holy Communion.
- We are working with St. Peter the Apostle and St Andrew on our joint confirmation retreat currently scheduled for February 25th, 2023. We have four second year confirmands who will be attending the retreat at St. Peter the Apostle.
- The Diocese of Richmond issued the 2023 confirmation retreat schedule on November 8th. St Charles is scheduled to host St Peter the Apostle and St Andrew on March 25th, 2023 at 11:00 am. Bishop Barry C. Knestout will preside over the ceremony.
- We completed the Untold Blessing sessions. Approximately 13 parishioners attended the sessions that explored the teachings of the Catholic Church concerning three paths to holiness. Karen Leffel led the sessions.
- No adult sessions are planned at this time as we are focusing our efforts on the upcoming Alpha session in Spring, '23.
- Alpha registration planned for mid February to coordinate with website up and running (go live date = Feb 15)

**Fundraising:** Chair: Tara Ashworth

- Next event is in the spring; plan to participate in CC yard sale and have a sale in the parish hall
- Octoberfest for Columbus Day weekend; plan to have note cards to distribute in the CC shops, Air BnB, hotels, etc to invite people to come

**Social Ministry:** Chair: Mike Strub

- Meeting Sunday to look ahead and plan

**Worship** Chair: Pat Hill and Scottie Paschall

- Blood drive March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Worship meeting tomorrow (Jan 18) for lent, easter, confirmation

**New Office Info:** Chair: Marta Rose

- suggestion for pizza dinner for Irene at next pc meeting

**Old Business:**

- New Business:**
1. Elections
    - Held during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May with nomination window at the end of January. David reviewed the parish rules for holding nominations and elections. He has drafted a notice to put in the bulletin explaining the process.
    - David suggests a starting election to welcome 4 new members; he asks anyone who would like to resign their position (in May) to let him know soon as it may affect nominations
    - David has asked for a volunteer to run Selection Committee – Tara has volunteered. We need 2 parishioners who are not on the pc to join the Selection Committee.
  2. Church aesthetics committee
    - Pat James will lead but needs volunteers
    - Recarpeting options were discussed – there are many questions and it seems reasonable to form a committee to examine the options carefully; suggestion to clean carpets in the meantime
  3. Budget - Marta will bring historical budgets for ministries to give leaders ideas of their budget histories and have discussions of how to plan for changes in allocations
  4. Safety committee – church front door to swing out over the steps; suggestion to upgrade phone service to have emergency phone in church
  5. Suggestion to put minutes and agenda on the website

**Secretary's Time:** (clarification of notes taken, if necessary)

- Reminder for minister chairs to email Karen their reports (preferably before the meeting), to increase accuracy of reporting.

**Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:**

**Next Meeting:** February 21, 2023 6:30PM

