

St. Charles Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Opening, Call to Order

Date: March 21, 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, Kevin Rech, Marge Suran, Dick Suran, Pat Hill

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes were approved - Moved Marge , Second Karey 4/18/2023

Questions, Comments – none.

Finance Council Reported by:

Archives Chair: Marge Surran

No regular report – Marge asked for pictures from Saturday’s St. Patrick Day Dinner

Ecumenical Chair: Mary Beth Briggs

We will borrow cross for Stations (from Emmanuel), and their church is invited to join us.

Facilities Management Chair: Committee

- o. ODU students joined us for a work day on March 4, 2023. We worked on landscaping (mulching), parking lot and driveway repairs and prepared the basement (first room and hallway) for painting. (Crush and run donated by J. Klingel). Suggestion to send thank you note, and mention in bulletin. Kevin was thanked by Parish Council president for organizing and overseeing the students and work. Today, a crew finished the mulch, and a broken sign was removed.

Helping Hands Chair: Joan Natali

Hispanic Ministry: Chair: Guadalupe Panuco

Migrant Ministry: Chair: Karey Fallon

- o. The first wave of Farm Workers arrived on March 15, 2023 and are staying at the Ames camp. Though not in St. Charles area of responsibility, we plan to assist our peers from St Peter with masses. Many workers arrived last summer in July, for picking. Folks arriving now are the field preppers. An organizational meeting is forthcoming for interested parishioners. Karey received a t-shirt and ball cap donation.

Parish Life: Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

1. The Month of March was the time for our remembrance of St. Patrick. On Saturday, March 18 after 5:00 mass we had the traditional Corned Beef Dinner, prepared, cooked and served by the Knight of Columbus. One of our special goals that evening was to make sure everyone was sitting at a full table. Tables were removed to achieve that goal. We were 98% successful. To help make this 100% successful, kindly consider asking a couple or a family sitting alone to join your table or ask to share their table with you. For this Event we did something different, RSVP was added to the church bulletin invitation. This gave us a good number of how many to expect. Attached you will find detailed information on attendance, expenses, income and bulletin insert.

Below items purchased for our St. Patrick’s Dinner by David & Andrea Scott.

For 60 guests:

Restaurant Depot

- Apple Juice x2
- 50 lbs (100 count) Idaho Potatoes
- 15 lbs Carrots (peeled and chopped) – priceless
- COSTCO
- 9 Corned Beef (approx. 6lb each)
- 10 Irish Soda Breads
- 4 lbs of Salted Butter
- 1qt of half n half
- 4 Whipped Cream Containers
- 2 cases of Water
- 48 count of Guinness Stout

Large Aluminum Cooking Trays

Dinner Chinet Plates

Food Lion

12 heads of Cabbage

Apple Juice

Ice Tea x 2

Food Lion

3 – Prepared Horseradish

VABC

Jameson Irish Whiskey 1L

Donated

Ice Tea, Creamy Horseradish, Yellow Mustard

Wine & Coffee were in our Stock.

Respectfully submitted by Parish Life Committee

David Scott & Jeanette Orzo

2. New folding chairs arrived for the parish hall. Old brown chairs will be sold at the CC yard sale.

Religious Ed: Chair: Kevin Fallon

Religious Education; K-11:

o. 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.

o. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 13th, 2023. Reception to follow.

o. St Charles Borromeo, St Peter the Apostle and St Andrew will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation at St. Charles Borromeo church on March 25th, 2023 at 11:00 am. We have 38 confirmands being confirmed. Bishop Barry C. Knestout will preside over the ceremony. Walt will take pictures.

Adult Faith Formation

o. Alpha session is planned for Spring, '23. Official kick off this weekend. John will speak at Masses, and community prayers will begin. Web page is up and running. Training is next Thursday. John will send agenda out. John had invitation cards for members to take and distribute. Members are invited to pray.

Fundraising: Chair: Tara Ashworth

Social Ministry: Chair: Mike Strub

Mike Strub reminded members that there is a donation basket in the back of church, for Lenten almsgiving.

Worship Chair: Pat Hill and Scottie Paschall

Committee will assist at Confirmation Mass.

New Office Info: Chair: Marta Rose

- Budget was sent out – no response, but please reach out in the next 2 weeks if you need a change.

Old Business:

1. Church Aesthetics –

Aesthetics Group Report to the Parish Council – March 21, 2023

February 9, 2023

Father Michael Breslin, Marta Rose, Michael Flanagan, and Pat and Bob James met together in the Church during the afternoon and discussed different aspects of improving the space at the rear of the Church.

The following was agreed upon:

1. When conditions permit, recarpet the sanctuary and the choir loft.
2. Purchase or have made, a credenza for above the counter by the confessional.
3. Purchase a runner to be used by the flower arrangers to protect the floor in the Altar Server Sacrist.
4. The Holy Water vessel (the larger metal one) is appropriately placed by the stairs to the choir loft.
5. Space will be made for the collection baskets to be hung just outside the confessional near where the bulletin board is.

6. A new stand for the safe.

Upon approval by the Parish Council, proposals will be presented the Finance Council for review.

Note: Repairs to the roof may delay this project. [There have been some leaks and some slates are missing – the peak of the roof also ripped off. Marta is contacting someone who works on the slate roof. He will do an assessment and perhaps some repair of the metal strip. Marta acts as the liaison between the finance committee and parish council. David asked about the preservation collection from each month – that money is earmarked for some items such as rectory updates, columbarium expansion. Please note, [] section has been added at the meeting.]

Respectfully submitted,

Pat James

PS. Thank you to those who helped: Kevin Fallon, Marge Surran, Scottie Paschall, Diane Partin, Gail McCormick, Michael Flanagan, Marta Rose and especially Father Michael.

No action will happen pending roof repair estimate.

2. Elections – 5 or 6 people have been suggested to Father for running for parish council. Elections will be May 20-21st (third Sunday in May). Suggestion to have them at the K of C pancake breakfast first Sunday in May.
3. Directory – 60 people have signed up so far. There is the potential to run out of slots, so Marta will be in contact with the company to see about creating more appointments. Question if Walt can take group shots for parish. Father asked if we can make another announcement so all parishioners are aware.

New Business:

1. Blood Drive will be scheduled for the fall.
2. Dick Suran – training for CPR and AED – Dick found an instructor to come. The basic module is about 2 hours. The cost is \$70. Dick asked if the parish will pay a portion of the cost. Dick offered to speak at the Masses to recruit people to come. It can be done on a Saturday (date is not set yet). The council asked him to continue to pursue the class. Discussion for how to pay for class, and various solutions were suggested. After Easter for class time was suggested.
3. John McCormick asked about the number of bulletins – we were short for 4:00 Mass (only 3 were left). Marta said she would speak to Guadalupe to see if they need more.

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

Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer: Please remember the lesser known or unknown people who are suffering and in need of our prayers.

Adjourned at 7:45

Next Meeting: April 18, 6:30PM