

## Holy Innocents Church Parish Council Minutes – November, 14 2019

### **Attendees:**

Fr. Ed Gorman, Alice Wagner, Maryann Dowd, Mary Law, Mike Fisher, Richard Damiano, Laura Moore, Danielle Dispenza, Maria Fitzgerald, Steve Busby, Karen McCarthy, John McCarthy, Steve Trombetta, Rither Alabre, Steve Busby, Rebekah Lee.

### **Meeting was called to order: 7:35PM**

1. Opening Prayer: Steve Trombetta
2. Approval of Minutes: Approved
3. Pastoral Report and Reflection:

Fr. Luke: Since his arrival his experience has been good and he is grateful for how it has been going.

#### Fr. Gorman:

- Thanked everyone for help for the past few days for the services for Fr. Quinn.
  - Signed contract for entryway floors at HI
  - Visiting CCD classes
  - Fire Dept. came 4 times due to gas odor at HI. No leak was found, Con Ed checked out and everything was fine. There was a problem with the furnace which has now been fixed.
  - Committees are in place for the front door and the kitchen, Kathy Dunn and Tom Trudeau are involved with these efforts.
  - Purchased snow blower and garbage cans for HI
  - OLP: Signed contract for railing at OLP. Heat broken was not working at OLP and will call in repair company. Pleasantville High School has not yet started using the social hall, they purchased refrigerator. New locks have been installed at OLP. Planning on purchasing a shed for OLP for snow blower and salt spreader. Anticipates that the roof will need repaired.
4. President Update:  
BBQ – Laura – It was a successful event, Kate B estimated about 250 people. 8<sup>th</sup> graders did a terrific job volunteering at the BBQ, girls ran games in parking lot, boys ran coffee and food. Everyone helped with clean up. Discussed trying to possibly move it to a warmer time, maybe have an event in June prior to school letting out. Thanked Busby's for getting it organized.

Raffle Update: Laura: sold 142, 45 outstanding with people to sell. Committee discussed we should consider going to merchants. Three weekends left, drawing will occur on December 1. Will send email blast to push the raffle.

Laura asked the members to start thinking ahead, what does the Parish Council want to accomplish before the end of the year (fundraiser, parish event, etc)

Bishop Baron Book Event – “Stay the fight” about 40 people attended the book discussion. Laura received positive feedback regarding the event.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee/R&R** – Mike – Noted general uptick in contributions over past several months. Will provide more details regarding collections at next meeting.

Fr. Gorman asked for more information regarding social hall acoustic ceiling effort. Discussed the need to improve the kitchen in the social hall. There will be a solicitation placed in the bulletin listing needs and estimated dollar amounts. No requests will be made from the pulpit.

**Maryknoll Sisters** – Alice – made a visit on Saturday November 9. Brought oranges, candy, sisters were very appreciative and thank HIP. Next visit is 12/21, Maria is going to try to get the CCD students to may do a craft.

**CYO** – John McCarthy – opening weekend, we will have 15 home games. Struggling to get gym time, more teams than gym slots. He is going to ask Pville schools to help out, average about 21 games per weekend. Youth group runs concession, checking with Maryann and Catherine Guttridge about if they will continue to run it. Working on filling gaps for roles that Tom Conaty took care of, John is creating jobs/slots and is working on getting people to fill the slots, about 15 positions.

Each team must do a service project, John asked if there are any projects that need to be done. We should let him know.

Looking into trying to run a trip to the Westchester Knicks game.  
Looking for activities for ½ days, movies, ice skating, Thunder Ridge, etc.

**Youth Group: Fr. Luke** – getting to know them, impressed by willingness to volunteer. Emphasized that he is there to help them to continue doing what they have been doing. Consider possibly doing a ski trip for the group.

**Lessons and Carols** – December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

**Food Pantry** - Roxanne mentioned how appreciative the food pantry is of Holy Innocents support, we are a huge amount of support.

**Family Events** – Danielle Dispenza - Pasta Supper – successful, ran out of food.

Upcoming events: Advent Tea 12/4

Reason for the Season – 12/21 Roseanne Gray – Fr. Gorman asked her to step back to be a mentor in an effort to try and bring in more mothers to get them involved. Danielle Kaley was asked by Fr. Gorman to step up and agreed to help.

Discussion led by John McCarthy regarding the creation of a men's group or a "mens club." He leveraged information from another parish in Yonkers (Annunciation). Board, with committees underneath that would run events, meet in September and plan for the year so it can be scheduled out.

Parish Events Committee – Danielle would like to try and refresh/renew the committee but wants to understand how this will interact with the Men's Club.

**OLP update** – Mary Law - Rosarians - say rosary every Sunday, start at 9:30. Grace Baer is collecting for Bishop Cardone from the Solomon Islands, collecting books but looking for other items. Rosarians are going to cover postage.

**New Business:** Laura was asked about any plans regarding replacing Tom Conaty and Sister Donna, any questions can contact Fr. Gorman, he is more than happy to talk.

John McCarthy – feedback he has received has been very positive regarding the new priests. Noted visits to classrooms during CCD, very happy to see.

Mike Fisher mentioned the letter we sent out last year around year end, summary of the year to the parishioners, felt like we got about a \$10,000 lift. Not a direct ask for cash, but just want to inform. Will send a draft to Fr. Gorman to review.

Richard mentioned that he had previously suggested a tear off suggestion box type item in the bulletin. He will send a copy to Fr. Gorman.

Giving Tree – Steve Busby discussed the annual Giving Tree for the upcoming Christmas season. Fr. Gorman emphasized the need to have succession for this event as well as other events

Closing Prayer: Steve Trombetta

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.**