

CCBT Parish/Pastoral Council Minutes: April 18, 2024

Present: John Balloni (Chair), Jill Lee (Secretary), Maryrose Balloni, Eileen Bielemeier, Cathy Immerman, Karen Kaindl, Paul Statskey

Absent: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Fr. Jeffrey Chichester, Mary Krehling (Vice Chair)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06 p.m. at SMM

Opening Prayer: Leader Paul Statskey (15-20 minutes)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ministry Updates:

a) Men's Group: (John) Ongoing, next meeting April 29th at 7 p.m. ST

Women's Book Group: (Jill) Finished until September. Next read: The Secret Diary of Elisabeth Leseur. Discussion held on the movie *Cabrini*, highly recommended by John & Maryrose.

b) Walking with Moms in Need: (Eileen) Ongoing checking out of resources; currently discerning recommendations based on helpful & adequate responses to phone inquiries (or not).

c) Building & Grounds: (Paul) Discussion held regarding lawn mower start problems; Paul will contact Rick & Linda Crocetti. Note Paul and Terry Burlee volunteer to do the edging; the mowing service is paid. The asphalt sink hole problem is marked with a cone and being further evaluated by Paul and his son.

d) Caring Card Ministry: (Karen) Several cards have been sent out by request since Feb. Note that Karen still needs stamps. Discussion held and offers of help given; John will follow up. Cost increase discussed.

e) Social Ministry: (Jill)

-- CCBT Family Promise meal host date is Monday, May 6th. Discussion held regarding buying groceries for the families without SNAP benefits. Marie Smith and Jill Lee will be dining with the families.

-- Diaper drive was successful, ended in Feb. Diapers given to the Clothing Center in Wolcott and FP in Lyons.

-- Shared a rent success story with avoidance of eviction (Marie Smith/Pam Auclair).

f) Coffee Hour/Fellowship Dinners: Next potluck at SMM on May 4th after the 4:30 pm Mass, Italian theme; last dinner until first Sat. in Oct.

2. Ushering: Both SMM and ST will begin passing the collection baskets during Mass beginning Father's Day weekend. Discussion held: Names suggested, CASE training, younger volunteers, poles vs. baskets, etc. Karen will call rectory to find

out if the youth can usher and if they need CASE training. Sign-up sheets for lectors/sacristans need to have "ushers" added on; Jill made the changes on the SMM sheets.

3. Communication of Ministries Brochure: (Maryrose) Council members are to peruse the brochures given at the last meeting and send their suggestions, comments, and ideas to Maryrose before the next meeting. Input is needed from the priests and all current members to aid in decision-making with regard to the impending Ministry Fair in the fall.

4. CMA Update: Per bulletin, CCBT at 91.73% of goal. Discussion held with hope of returning snowbirds contributing before the May 31st deadline. A collection boost should be brought to everyone's attention at the Masses, and envelopes provided. A question arose about the whereabouts of money collected openly at one recent Mass at SMM for CMA; Paul will follow up on this.

5. Extra Items for St. Jude: (John) Contacted Fr. Paul Tomasso (Vicar General) who had no items to give to us as they have already been given to other churches by request. Discussion held regarding other possible ways to procure these items.

6. Trustee Replacement Nominees: (John) Discussion held. Decision made to have two names forwarded to Fr. Felicjan: Eileen Bielemeier (who agreed), and Terry Burlee (who will be asked by Paul before name submission).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Number of Times We Meet: Discussion held. Decision made: Meet once a month with the exception of Dec. (Christmas), March or April (Easter), and summer months. Suggestion (to be revisited) regarding meeting during daytime hours, perhaps piggybacking onto a Mass time to eliminate an extra trip for the priests.

2. Crowning of Mary for the Month of May: (Cathy Immerman) Discussion of past traditions. The Mary statues are crowned the 1st weekend in May. The churches have their own crown of flowers for each Marion statue.

3. PC Member Replacement: Eileen leaving, possibly Cathy. Mary Krehling needs to be asked. Announcements of openings need to be made at Masses during May, contact anyone on the Parish Council if interested in serving.

4. Summer Picnic: Nothing done yet, past traditions, site possibilities discussed. Questions: Is it too late to plan for this year? Is Fr. available for an outdoor Mass? Has Mary Capone made reservations? Do the parishioners WANT a summer picnic? Who is going to organize/lead this? Interim decision: Gather info.

a) Karen will contact Mary Capone to see if any action occurred.

b) John & Maryrose will inquire about alternate pavilion availability.

c) Date and time TBD after answers to above considerations.

CLOSING PRAYER: All (leader Paul).

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.

NEXT PC MEETING: TBD, either **May 16th or May 23rd** (depending upon Fr. Jeff's schedule) 6:00 p.m. at SMM. (Note May 16th better date for Paul).
Confirmation of date will be sent via E-mail.

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