

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Collart and opened with all saying the Parish Council Prayer. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written, having previously been e-mailed to all members. The names of the eight members in attendance are listed at the end of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

PASTOR'S UPDATE - Father Clarence stated that the parish now has an estimate of the cost to expand the size of the walk-in cooler and that he is waiting for an estimate for the cost to repair and update the church organ. Father also related an appeal from Father Tim Taugher for volunteers to go to Staten Island to help with clean-up and repairs necessitated by the devastation caused by hurricane Sandy. Father then noted that long-time parishioner Mary Barton will soon be relocating to Syracuse and that a search is underway to find replacements for her and for Mary Armstrong, the co-chairs of our Adoration Chapel since its inception in 1990. A reception in their honor is being planned following the 4:30 Mass on January 12, 2013. Lastly, Father mentioned that there have been no new developments relative to Verizon's cell tower proposal.

FINANCIAL - Tom stated that Peter Newman, Chair of the Finance Committee, is seeking guidance from diocesan financial advisers relative to investing the proceeds of the large bequest announced at last month's meeting.

BULLETIN INSERT FEEDBACK - Attached is a copy of the bulletin insert referenced in the minutes of the last meeting which President Tom drafted to solicit parishioner feedback. Tom reported the following three responses:

(1) The parish should consider providing transportation for weekend masses to the parishioner residents of Good Shepherd Village. A discussion followed as to the advisability and feasibility of providing such a service including the possibility of extending it to the residents of the Marian Apartments. Hope Hannon agreed to contact GSV to see if it offered a shuttle service that could be used for this purpose.

(2) There should be more lighting in the parking lot. Father responded that Justin is already exploring means of adding more light fixtures.

(3) The female/male ratio on the PPC should be more reflective of the female/male ratio in the parish as a whole. It was agreed that with only two females now on the Council, this is a legitimate concern and that an effort will be made to address it in the spring when there will be a call to parishioners to consider volunteering to become a member of the PPC.

It was agreed that feedback should be provided to the parish on actions as they are taken.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL - Tom reported that Bernadette Repetto's presentation to the DPC on CHF's Youth Ministry programs and activities was very well received.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS - Father stated that the parish will soon be adding another page to the bulletin so as to provide space for reporting on events and activities that have occurred in the parish. Hope Hannon reported that in response to the devastation caused by hurricane Sandy, the Human Development Ministry donated \$1000 each to Catholic Charities and the American Red Cross in New York City and \$500 to the Endwell Fire Department's first responders. Nick James suggested that the parish develop a Facebook page stating this would greatly improve reaching our youth members. All agreed that this idea should definitely be pursued along with improving and updating the parish website. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that this project be undertaken by a paid staff person since keeping the website current and relevant will require more than periodic attention. At this point, Father said he knew of an ideal candidate and within minutes introduced parishioner Colleen Curtin, who had just finished choir practice. According to Father, Colleen is very well qualified and had previously expressed to him an interest in taking on a part-time job.

OLD BUSINESS

Following a very brief discussion of Parish Ministries and the Evangelization Toolbox, the Council turned its attention to a parish mission statement and to the proposed wording drafted by Rick Cargill (copies attached). The general feeling was that the two proposed were too wordy and Tom will ask Rick to compress their main thrust into a shorter, pithier statement.

Tom announced that the next meeting of the PPC will be Thursday, February 7, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Smedira, Secretary

ATTENDANCE
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Hope Hannon
Tom Collart
David DeAngelo
Bev Musa
Nick James
Bob Clune \
Father Clarence
Nick Smedira