



Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay

St. George Church

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Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2009

1:00pm

Minutes

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Fr. Frank at 1:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Coryer, Brenda Quinn, George Candido, George Carlisto, Phyllis Smith, Joann Stumpf, Gerry Sidor, Doug Malette, Justin Boyea, Dianne Harrigan, Dee Heredia, Lou Bowen, Mary Emily Lauzon; Pastoral Associate, Brian Dwyer; Youth Minister, and Donna Holt; Secretary.

EXCUSED: Helen Ryan

ABSENT: Peg Boyea

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Sunday, January 11, 2009 was accepted.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS: Fr. Frank read Bishop Cunningham's letter of approval for the parish to sell St. Jude's Oratory. Fr. requested 2 appraisals to be sent to him. George Carlisto will contact Holly Chase and we can use the Town of Bellmont Property Tax Assessment. Gerry Sidor and George Carlisto agreed to contact parties regarding survey of the property.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Fr. presented the quarterly profit-loss statement. Questions and answers followed. During the Summer months he will continue to place all parishioners fuel contributions into the fuel savings accounts to be available towards next winter's fuel bills. Fr. read all of the insurance bills to the members and a discussion followed. He stated that he will do a budget report for the members before our May meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Property and Maintenance: It was noted that part of the cedar hedge surrounding the back of the rectory is very unhealthy and should be removed. One suggestion was to bring in crushed stone to build up the area and provide more parking. Fr. will contact Mrs. Richard Secore for prices. Fr. asked the members to tour the area following the meeting and to check the front of the church sidewalk with him for restoration of damaged areas and or suggestions. Fr. Frank reported that the new rectory office roof needs 2 or 3 vents and insulation to prevent water damage and icing that has occurred these past winters since construction. George Carlisto and Joanne Stumpf will contact Gerry Ryan for the repair to possibly be done by the person who did the chapel roof. Fr. Asked Doug Malette to contact Johnson Painting to request a date for the chapel painting to be done.

Cemetery: Nothing to report

Education: Mary Emily reported that First Communion will be held Sunday, June 14. There are 2 candidates from St. George and 9 from St. Patrick's. Religion classes are in progress. The confirmation students held classes during the winter months and they will be confirmed on Sunday, May 23 at the 4pm Liturgy. The Catholic Daughters 100th Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, April 19 at the 11:00am Liturgy.

Brian Dwyer reported that Camp Guggenheim Summer schedules are out. He also reported that he will be having the Living Way of the Cross once again this year.

Holy Family School: Holy Family School: Fr. Frank reported that Holy Family School's Capitol Campaign Program has secured a grant from Senator Betty Little. Senator Little will be presenting a very generous check to HFS soon. Dianne Harrigan announced that HFS will be sponsoring a Silent Auction. Fr. Frank spoke that Anne Marie Wiseman has been working on implementing a pre K (4 year olds) program at the school.

Liturgy: Nothing to report.

Human/Community Concerns: Nothing to report

Parish Fund Raisers: The 20/20 Club has been changed to the 10/10 Club and parishioners received their request and letter to join. The staff felt that due to the economy the lower cost of tickets would be more affordable.

SOCIETIES:

Altar Rosary: Nothing to report

CDA: 100th Anniversary this year with a Mass at St. Patrick's previously reported in these minutes.

K of C: Nothing to Report

Fund Raisers: L. Bowen said the St. George Breakfast did very well only \$300 down from last year.

OLD BUSINESS: Dianne and Phyllis are in the process of preparing a new Constitution. Sharon Malette is Chairwoman of a new census program for the parishes. She is presently contacting volunteers to help. When this is completed all information will be compiled and entered into the computer. Both St. George's and St. Patrick's parishioners will be merged into one account rather than two. This is a less costly and more efficient system. The census should be completed by mid April.

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Frank asked for volunteers to do the outside finish painting of St. George Church. Gerry Sidor and Fred Desilits will this. Fr. asked Gerry Sidor to contact Richie King and see if he will do the church roof construction at the same estimate he gave us months ago. Fr. asked Justin to check with the K of C and ask when the finishing touches can be done to St. George's Church sign. Gerry Sidor will check into the lattice at St. George's and see what repairs are needed.

Future Agenda Items: Nothing to Report

Dates of Next Meeting: Pastoral Council; Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Holt, Secretary