

## St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Jan. 26, 2010**

(Our next meeting will be on March 30, 2010 at 7 PM.)

### Attendees

Msgr. Sean Flynn\* Present  
Deacon Dennis Saake\* Present

### Members

Peter Abitanto	Present	Michael Malia	Present
Fred Buonocore**	Present	Elizabeth Miller**	Present
Adele Byrne	Present	Nestor Roman	Present
Gary Cademartori	Present	Peter Warshaw**	Present
James Farrell	Present	Marjorie Zaccaro	Present

\* Denotes Clergy/Staff

\*\* Denotes Officers

### Highlights:

Monsignor opened the meeting with special prayers and scripture readings. Fred then called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Monsignor Flynn provided some updates:

- We are preparing for Lent
- The Wisdom of Broadway by Fr. McNulty will take place on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- Fr. McNulty will also speak at the Holy Name Society's Breakfast in April

Deacon Dennis expected to give a Homily during Lent to welcome people back to the church. There will be a "questions and answers" evening welcome to all on March 9th called "Come Home for Easter" program.

Fred Buonocore opened the meeting with a greeting and asked the chairpersons for the Sunday Mass Committee and Ethnic Diversity Committee to give a report and any updates.

Marjorie Zaccaro and Adele Byrne are the chairpersons for the Sunday Mass Committee and they presented the members of the committee: Todd and Jaime Leonhardt, Sara Lynch, Mike Grogan, Ed Robinson, and Mary Reilly. They hope to increase attendance at mass and investigate the reasons behind the decrease in turn-out. They hope to look at all the Ministries.

Melissa Rafter declined as co-chair. Michael Malia and Adele Byrnes are the co-chairpersons for Ethnic Diversity and they presented the members of the committee: Carlos and Diana Zuna, Elaine Revel, Nestor Roman, Fred Buonocore, Mary Ring, and

Jim O'Brien. They hope to focus on improving the Spanish Ministry and also focusing on ethnic diversity issues. Many areas are currently being explored: the CYO and CCD of the Spanish Ministry, transportation, a bi-lingual priest, more training for all volunteers, etc.

A census update is needed for the Parish. There are more than 1100 families that are part of the Parish; however, only 700 families registered. The families that have not yet registered should do so that the Parish can account for all the families involved with the church.

Establishing a Widow and Widowers Club was discussed. Any widows and widowers interested in joining should make their interests known. This club would be for socializing and participating in activities together.

A Welcoming Committee for new parishioners was discussed. This committee would visit new parishioners, let them know about the church, and how they can get involved. There also could be a Welcoming Committee Reception for all new parishioners.

Irish Night is planned for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can contact Marjorie Zaccaro for tickets, \$15 per person.

Francine Carrie will give a lecture after the 4:30 pm mass on "An American First Family" about the Underground Railroad.

**Dates to Remember:**

February 24, 2010 - "Broadway and Church" by Fr. McNulty at 7 pm

March 13, 2010 - Irish Night

March 20, 2010 - Francine Carrie Still Lecture on "An American First Family"

March 21, 2010 - "Come Home for Easter" Program by Msgr. Flynn and Deacon Dennis

**Action Items from the Nov. 23, 2009 Meeting:**

1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Fred no later than three weeks prior to each meeting to allow sufficient time for review, approval and distribution of the package one week prior to each meeting. Responsibility: All
2. Develop better ways to operate / utilize Msgr. Carton Library. Responsibility: All
3. Think about possible options for recognition events. Responsibility: All