

St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2010

(Our next meeting will be on at January 25, 2011.)

Attendees

Msgr. Sean Flynn* Present
Deacon Dennis Saake* Present

Members

Fred Buonocore**	Present	Nestor Roman	Present
Adele Byrne	Present	Peter Warshaw**	Present
Michael Malia	Present	Marjorie Zaccaro	Present
Elizabeth Miller**	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:

- Increased offering campaign is almost over
- Many people have made commitments to increase their offerings
- Mass to change to 4:30 pm on Saturday evenings for a year
- RCIA run by Grace Carol is looking for a replacement. Deacon Dennis will lead it if other people volunteer.

Fred Buonocore opened the meeting with a greeting.

The Liturgy Committee is contemplating whether traditional or alternative music will be played at the 12 o'clock Mass. There will be a referendum on having traditional or alternative music.

The Diocese's Religious Education office contacted the parish's Diversity Committee and asked what they could assist with. Diana Zuna from the Hispanic Ministry called the diocese back and further information to follow.

Margie Zaccaro went to the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting. At the meeting three points were addressed: building marriages, building families, and building the churches. Ways to give support to couples were addressed such as perhaps making note of anniversaries in the bulletin or mailing a card to newly-married couples. An afternoon retreat for families part of the Parish was proposed.

The Sunday Mass committee has composed a personal reflection form to be given to staff members and the heads of the different parish ministries. They will have the option of having a follow up meeting with Msgr. Flynn. The reflection sheet is to help improve the way we communicate with the parishioners and with each other and to make us more self aware.

Operation Christmas Child was a success. 50 to 60 boxes were collected and will be distributed to troops in the Middle East.

The Holy Name Society has raised around \$10,000 to \$12,000 and plans to make contributions to the Social Concerns committee as well as community charities in the area.

Dates to Remember:

Increase offering campaign with Msgr. Flynn continues

Retreat will be held and more details to follow (during Advent or Lent)

Mass on Saturday evenings is now 4:30 p.m. and will continue for one year

Confessions on Thursday after each Mass

Action Items from the November 30, 2010 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