

Parish Council Meeting

October 16, 2012

Attendance – Msgr. Nelan, Mary Barry, Josephine Bua, Fr. Francis Buu, Stefany Gallup, Deacon Rene Garcia, Marisol Gutch, Maureen Herzog, Tonie Fisher, Robert Maffucci, John Matcovich, Michael O'Connor, Rose Miguel, Toni Perite, Elizabeth Weese.

- I. Opening Prayer – the meeting began at 7:07pm with the opening prayer led by Rose Miguel.
- II. Review of June 2012 Minutes – two changes were noted, motion to accept by Msgr. Nelan and seconded by Tonie Fisher. Council voted to adopt.
- III. School Report
 - A. An art history program led by the New York Historical Society has begun for grades 3, 4 and 5.
 - B. The students are now in the process of taking standardized tests in Math and ELA.
 - C. A partnership with the N.Y. Academy of Sciences has enabled us to offer a new after school program for 7th and 8th grade students. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program gives the students the opportunity to perform hands on scientific experiments under the mentorship of 2 instructors from the Academy. A new chess program is also underway in our after school.
 - D. We are all looking forward to the Harbour Lights fundraiser which will be held this Thursday, Oct. 18th.
- IV. School of Religion –
 - A. Attendance at CCD program has been around 38 students per week.
 - B. The first Family Catechesis day will be this coming Sunday, October 21st. Deacon Rene will integrate some of the ideas of the “Smart Goals” given by Mrs. Barry for school classes into the family catechesis lessons.
- V. Old Business –
 - A. The Tabernacle has been repaired and is back in place, the Sanctuary lights have been fixed, the roof of the Church will be re-tiled and the walls that were not repointed originally will be done.
- VI. Pastor's Report –
 - A. The Rosary for Life has been going very well. Along with those attending, many people stop to ask questions and join in.
 - B. Parishioners from Mary Help of Christians have been attending Mass in the chapel that was created in the Hunt Room. They are enjoying the services and the attendance has grown considerably. The question of whether they would prefer an afternoon Mass in the Church was raised but this issue had been addressed before the current schedule was agreed upon.
 - C. The flea market has moved from MHOC to our courtyard and auditorium. It is going well, but is on a smaller scale than previously. The hours are from 7am to 6pm on Saturday.
- VII. New Business -
 - A. Our music director, Ms. Margaret Evans, is in the planning stages for upcoming events. Along with a special mass for Veterans Day, we can look forward to a Concert for Advent on December 9th after the 12:30pm Mass and a Christmas Concert by the students at Immaculate Conception School on December 19th.
 - B. A suggestion was made that in order to facilitate receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, seats might be designated for the handicapped so the Eucharistic Ministers might better accommodate them.
 - C. The introduction of new members will take place at our November meeting. A notice regarding new membership to the Parish Council will go into the bulletin. The first meeting of the new council will be in January.
 - D. A dinner on December 17th will take the place of our December meeting.
- VIII. **Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00pm.**
- IX. Closing Prayer – the meeting ended at 8:54pm with the closing prayer led by Tonie Fisher.