

November 14, 2011

➤ *Note: Symbol Denotes Action Items*

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m. – Parish Center

1. Opening Prayer – Janet Quinn
2. Adoption of Minutes: October 10, 2011 minutes were approved and accepted without change. Minutes will be posted to the parish website and bulletin boards.
3. Pastor's Report – Father Moran
 - Storm Update: There were numerous acts of generosity during and after the October snow storm. At one point there were 23 people in the rectory. Tom Cronin brought a generator to supply the church with light and heat so mass could be held. Also, Rosaire Brodeur did an amazing job clearing snow. Things we learned from the storm: STA is not in a position to be used as a shelter (we don't have all the safety supplies).
 - Father Moran indicated he is excited about the new by-laws and committees proposed by the Parish Council.
 - Initially Father's reports to the council have been financial in nature – due to the state of affairs and recent repair needs. Future reports will be on other important aspects of parish life.
 - Father Moran asked the Parish Council to think about having mass downstairs from Epiphany through April (this could save the parish roughly \$4,000 in heating expenses). Concerns were raised about set-up conflicts with several meetings that use the parish such as Youth Group/Confirmation classes, and other events that might be booked.
 - Census – for all those submitted, Ellen has completed the updates.
 - Financial update by Father Moran – see attachment regarding comparison of September 2011 to September 2010. Overall, there is improvement
 - Father Moran and the finance committee are planning to hold a town hall meeting in late January after all masses on financial topics and anything parishioners want to cover.
 - Letter received from Stonebridge regarding sex abuse audit results of the Hartford Archdiocese – all very good. Paper audits occur every year and onsite audits (paper plus interviews) occur every 3 years. Everyone should make sure they know Sister Mary Kelley, Victims Assistance Coordinator. Remember, all persons are reporters if you see or hear about abuse.
 - Father Moran shared a copy of a survey of Catholics in America from the National Catholic Reporter.
 - Elevator Update: Bill Jordan – Discussions have been held with Otis Elevator and the elevator inspector from the state. Otis came over and propped up the elevator and believes costs and repairs will be less extensive or expensive than originally planned. Insurance covers the repairs after the \$10,000 deductible is paid. Trying hard to get the elevator repaired prior to Christmas.
4. November coffee hour sign up – Parish Council has the month of November and there are 2 weekends left. Sign-up sheets circulated for 2 weekends remaining: 11/20 and 11/27.
5. Parish Census Progress Report (reported by Teresa Duprey) – Ellen and Suzanne have completed updates that were provided and are in the process of out dated records. Will continue working to collect missing forms/sheets.

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6. Finance Committee Report (reported by Joe McCabe) – working on the questions about how to maximize money for the parish?
7. Stewardship Committee Report (reported by Rob Kulak) – a) Three people showed up at the meeting last week (10/24). Discussed online giving. Corey Rekow and Rob Kulak attended Sunday Visitor presentation. Charge is \$200 for set up, \$20 per month and a transaction charge that is a percentage of the transaction using a nightly batch feed. Offering a deal now to waive the setup fee. b) Covered the Pledge program where we'd need to get people to talk about time/talent/treasure. St. Mary's in Clinton, CT was using pledging. c) Silent Auction idea – a church in Hartford made \$18,000 by holding an auction that included really nice things like vacation homes, dinners, services, etc. Target would be March 2012 (discussion revealed this conflicted with STA School which does a silent auction in October/November timeframe. d) Cash raffle – Father Moran and Rob Kulak to meet and discuss. Important to coordinate. e) Question was asked whether we need to offer education on what is a good amount to offer in the weekly collection (motion to investigate another 2 or 3 companies for comparison on electronic giving. Will bring recommendations to the January Parish Council meeting on EFT.
8. Election of a Membership Officer – no volunteers present at meeting. George asked that members consider this position and it will be re-addressed at the next meeting.
9. Establishing Membership of Newly Formed committees – sign-up sheets were passed out for all committees including Building and Grounds, Stewardship and Ecumenical Outreach.
10. New Business
 - Chris Haddad – STAY mini-retreat – 24 students hiked to Hublein Tower where they did their version of STAY Olympics and guided meditation. Pictures from the event were shared. Also had an activity where they served dinner at Immaculate Conception.
 - Carol Donebedien – reminded people about the Advent Program tomorrow (11/15).
 - Education Committee will be holding the wreath making event
 - Women's Club – Attic Treasures will be held on 11/19 from 9 AM – 2 PM (collecting items now). There will also be a bake sale Saturday and Sunday after all masses. Kris Kringle Mingle – the women's club holiday event will be held on 12/13 at 7 PM and includes a tea cup auction.
 - Proposal was discussed to move the January 9th meeting to January 16th. No agreement reached.
 - Parish Town Hall (Father Moran) will be weekend of January 21st and 22nd.
 - Colleen DiSanto – passed a copy of the STA School News.
 - December 12th meeting agenda was discussed to include an abbreviated business meeting leaving time to share Christmas cheer. All will bring either an appetizer or dessert to share.
 - Knights of Columbus (Mike DeConti) – October funds collected money for Special Olympics at Stop and Shop. The pancake breakfast raised \$300 for the elevator repairs. St Gerard's Dinner was held on 10/29; Veterans event was well attended. Friday night is "poker night". December 3rd two seminarians in their council are becoming deacons – please keep them in your prayers.

Special Intentions – were shared by those in attendance.

Closing Prayer – Teresa Duprey

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Sisti

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Parish Council Secretary

Attendees

First Name	Last Name	Role	Present	Absent
Fr. Ed	Moran	Priest	X	
Fr. Sam	Syed	Priest	X	
Dcn. Kevin	Monahan	Deacon		X
George	Coppolo	Council Member - Pres	X	
Teresa	Duprey	Council Member - VP	X	
Patty	Sisti	Council Member - Sec	X	
Rosaire	Brodeur	Council Member	X	
Kathy	Brown	Council Member	X	
Eileen	Cullen	Council Member	X	
John	Daly	Council Member	X	
Carole	Donabedien	Council Member	X	
Angelo	Faenza	Council Member	X	
Chris	Haddad	Council Member	X	
Sally	Hanrahan	Council Member	X	
Will	Huber	Council Member		X
Rob	Kulak	Council Member	X	
Bob	Kuszpa	Council Member		X
Rachel	Lobo-Lowry	Council Member		X
Joe	McCabe	Council Member	X	
Ernesto	Pitruzzella	Council Member		X
Donna	Radigan	Council Member	X	
Corey	Rekow	Council Member	X	
Jamie	Sullivan	Council Member		X
Colleen	DiSanto	STA School Principal	X	
Elizabeth	Kiselica	Religious Education Coord		X
Martin	Smith	Music Director		X
Janet	Quin	Parish Center Coord		X
Tom	Cronin	Social Action		X
Laz	Donabedien	Parishioner	X	

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Attachment provided by Father Moran

Comparison as of 11/14/11 to 11/14/10

- Weekly Offertory: + \$15,133
- Monthly Offertory: - \$9,199
- Donations/Gifts/Bequests: + \$11,182
- Overall Total Income: + \$55,488

Restricted Donations:

- Food Bank: \$379
- A/C: \$100
- Elevator: \$10,255
- Church Roof: \$334
- Other: \$3,472

Unpaid Bills

- Archdiocese of Hartford: \$90,543 (2/2011 to 10/2011)

Third Quarter (as of 9/30/2011) ended with a Surplus

- Month of September 2011: Income / Expense = \$65,928 / \$51,345 (+\$14,583)
- Year to Date figures: Income / Expense = \$580,899.78 / \$614,461.80 (-\$33,562.02 over income)
- Compared to 11/14/10: -\$227,689.19 over income
 - Note: school subsidy suspended as of 7/1/11

Capital Campaign Update:

- Goal: \$1,100,000
- Pledged: \$1,141,566
- Paid: \$1,075,219
- % Filled: 99.93 %
- Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$66,347
- Outstanding BOA Loan Balance: \$77,877.54

Notes:

Bridge Loan: July 2007 (paid monthly)

- Repairs before money: \$120,000
- Church to Capital Campaign: \$77,000
- Total: \$197,000