

St. Christopher-St. Patrick Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes for 4/14/2016

Attendees:		
Laura Astarita (Trustee)	Frank Streng (Secretary)	Daniel Keon
Mary Chopyack	Margaret McKeon (Vice President)	Rev. George Oonnoony (Pastor)
Helen Feely	Jane Reichard	Rosa Sanmartin
Tom Koch	Bob Hemsing (President)	Vincent Astarita (Deacon)
Luis Pasato	Vincent Astarita (Deacon)	

1. **Guidelines for the Parish Council.** We distributed the current form of guidelines and made some corrections. We also updated and edited the names and assignments of council members for various committees. We also discussed our efforts in seeking to add parish members to our various committees. We shall put in the announcement and in a separate flyer something to encourage parishioners to join a committee. An up to date list of council members together with committee assignment is attached to these minutes.

2. **Reports.**
 - a. **Religious Education & Youth Ministry.** Second Graders received their first communion. Interviews of 8th Graders for confirmation were completed. Every confirmation candidate must complete 20 hours of community service. There was a discussion of different community service opportunities. Each confirmation candidate must participate in 8 events. Outstanding tuition for 2016 is still being collected. Enrollment for next year begins on May 1, 2016. A car wash is scheduled for May 15th. May 22nd is the last day of class. It was also reported that CCD students have been good participants in ministries, such as lectors at mass, etc. Deacon Vince reported that the Thanksgiving Dinner was a big success.

 - b. **Liturgy.** Easter Vigil mass went very well. Rosa Sanmartin also reported that in August or September we shall have a bilingual mass.

 - c. **Fundraising Committee.** Our golf outing is scheduled for September 18th at 1 pm at Doral Arrowwood, Rye Brook, NY. This is a 9 hole course. There will also be a barbecue afterwards. The price is \$150 per golfer. We can have a maximum of 64 golfers. We are also seeking sponsors for the outing. We need help in that canvassing. We put a flyer in the bulletin

for the golf outing, but, to date, there has been little response. The key to fundraising is sponsors, so we need to get as many sponsors as possible.

- d. Finance Committee. Dan Keon discussed our parish finances and distributed a report. One big expenditure for the Buchanan location, approximately \$40,000, was devoted to solar panels. That should prove to be a good investment for the Buchanan location, with a very substantial reduction in electricity charges. We also discussed seeking to increase our revenues; Dan suggested seeking an 18% increase. Different ideas were offered to increase our weekly collections.
 - e. Facilities. President Hemsing discussed the deterioration of the pole lighting near the Buchanan location. We are seeking to replace them through getting donations for the purchase of new poles. We are also seeking to set up a clean-up date for items in the garage at the Buchanan location. A possible date would be April 30th at 9 am for the cleanup.
 - f. Communications. Vice President Margaret McKeon reported on the work of her committee. Among other things, she discussed making changes on the web site, including having more photographs of the Verplanck location and parishioners at the location. We also discussed the bulletin, and how we do not pay for the bulletins, in view of the advertisements placed in the bulletin.
3. Cluster 51. President Hemsing read a letter from the Archdiocese regarding, among other things, the continuation of the cluster and the need for an Implementation Team. Frank Streng will be a chair, but we are looking for additional members, especially parishioners at the Verplanck location. Vice President McKeon would also seek to get members for the implementation team.
 4. Visit by the Cardinal. The Cardinal will be coming to our parish on Saturday, December 10th. We discussed different matters as to that visit, including possible dinner plans.
 5. New Business. Deacon Vince mentioned Movie Night, May 6th. Deacon also mentioned our new projector. June 5th is the Deacon's barbecue.
 6. Adjournment. We adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm. Our next meeting shall be on Thursday, May 5th, at 7:30 pm. Our June meeting shall be on Thursday, June 16th at 7:30 pm

Submitted,

Frank Streng, Secretary

LIST OF MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEMBER NAME	HOME ADDRESS/EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE	COMMITTEE AND/OR ACTIVITY	DATE JOINED COUNCIL
1. Astarita, Laura	76 Laurel Hill Road Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 vldvastarita@verizon.net	914-384-3721	Trustee – Executive Committees Religious Education & Youth Ministry (Member) Liturgy (Member)	2/16/2016
2. Astarita, Vincent	76 Laurel Hill Road Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520	646-531-5334	Clergy (Deacon) – Executive Committee	2/16/2016
3. Cherian, Rev. Matthew	St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Church 3094 Albany Post Road Buchanan, NY 10511 frcmatt@gmail.com	914-979-1694	Clergy (Parochial Vicar) – Executive Committee	2/16/2016
4. Chopyack, Mary	117 Coachlight Square Montrose, NY 10548 mchopyack8817@verizon.net	914-804-1087	<u>Committees</u> Public Relations & Communications (Member)	2/16/2016
5. Everett, Mary Jane	39 Sunset Road Montrose, NY 10548 mjeverett2@yahoo.com	914-737-8025	Trustee – Executive Committee	2/16/2016
6. Fitzgerald, Frank	15 Round Tree Lane Montrose, NY 10548 ffitzny@aol.com	914-439-9371	Trustee – Executive Committee <u>Committees</u> Finance (Member)	2/16/2016
7. Gonzalez, Isabel	22 Jerome Drive Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567	914-737-7889	<u>Committees</u> Evangelization (Coordinator)	2/16/2016
8. Grady, Barbara	134 16th Street P.O. Box 228 Verplanck, NY 10596 bmgrady@verizon.net	914-523-3801	<u>Committees</u> Public Relations & Communications (Member) Outreach (Member)	2/16/2016
9. Hemsing, Robert	1106 Half Moon Bay Croton on Hudson, NY 10520	914-552-7188	President- Executive Committee	2/16/2016

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	bob42@optonline.net		Facilities & Grounds Maintenance (Coordinator); Finance (Member) Fundraising Committee (Coordinator)	
10. Keefe, Larry	2nd Street Verplanck, NY 10596 verkeefe@bestweb.net	914-737-4453		2/16/2016
11. Keon, Daniel	9 Hunt Avenue Montrose, NY 10548 914-737-0098 dkeon5627@gmail.com	914-737-0098	Finance Director - Executive Committee <u>Committees</u> Fundraising Committee (Member) Finance Committee (Coordinator)	2/16/2016
12. Koch, Tom	128 Scenic Drive West Croton on Hudson, NY 10520	914-827-0531	<u>Committees</u> Facilities & Grounds Maintenance (Member)	2/16/2016
13. McKeon, Margaret	P.O. Box 382 Verplanck, NY 10596 willsmaggie@yahoo.com	914-736-5506	Vice President - Executive Committee <u>Committees</u> Public Relations & Communications (Coordinator)	2/16/2016
14. Oonnoony, Rev. George	St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Church 3094 Albany Post Road Buchanan, NY 10511 fr.george@archny.org	914-737-1046	Clergy (Pastor) – Executive Committee	2/16/2016
15. Pasato, Luis	319 Fremont Street Peekskill, NY 10567 Lpasat2014@gmail.com	914-844-7727	<u>Committees</u> Special Devotions (Coordinator)	2/16/2016
16. Quist, Lisa	7 Roundtree Lane Montrose, NY 10548 lisaduffyquist@gmail.com	914-325-1387	Religious Education Director <u>Committees</u> Youth Ministry	2/16/2016

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			(Coordinator)	
17. Reichard, Jane	33 Henning Drive Montrose, NY 10548 jane.riverview@gmail.com	914-737-7732		2/16/2016
18. Sanmartin, Rosa	18 Harper Avenue Montrose, NY 10548 rosa1sanmartin@yahoo.com	914-736-3069	<u>Committees</u> Liturgy (Coordinator)	2/16/2016
19. Streng, Frank	11 Amanda Court Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 fwstreng@gmail.com	914-385-1022	Secretary - Executive Committee <u>Committees</u> Information Technology (Coordinator) Fundraising Committee (Member)	2/16/2016