

St. Christopher - St. Patrick Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes for 6/16/2016

Attendees:		
Bob Hemsing (President)	Frank Streng (Secretary)	Frank Fitzgerald (Trustee)
Luis Pasato	Margaret McKeon (Vice President)	Rev. George Oonnoony (Pastor)
Jane Fitzgerald	Jane Reichard	Rosa Sanmartin
Mary Jane Everett	Rev. Matthew Cherian	

1. **Minutes of Prior Meeting of 5/5/16.** Minutes approved from our meeting of May 5, 2016.

2. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. **Religious Education & Youth Ministry.** Lisa Quist could not attend; her grandmother died. No report from this committee at this time.

 - b. **Liturgy.** Rosa Sanmartin provided a brief report. President Hemsing mentioned the absences of ministers at mass, and suggested that it might be helpful to mention minister assignments in bulletins. We had a discussion about the issue and options, including seeking new lectors and coordinating lectors.

 - c. **Fundraising Committee.**
 - i. **Golf Outing.** President Hemsing gave us a report on the golf outing on 9/18, including a description of our committee, and our efforts to solicit sponsors.

 - ii. **New Light Poles.** President Hemsing discussed our efforts to get new pole light, and to seek pledges to buy the poles.

 - d. **Finance Committee.** Dan Keon was absent, but his financial reports were distributed for the period 9/2015 through 5/2016. Trustee Frank Fitzgerald provided an analysis of the reports for each location. He pointed out that, in the summer, our revenues go down, with vacation schedules for many people, including the CCD students and parents. Frank also discussed the enormous savings being realized through our solar panels, which has nearly eliminated our electric bill.

Frank Streng also discussed the establishment of a new ad hoc committee, whose responsibility will be to increase our weekly collections. Committee members will, among other things, send letters, postcards, emails and speak at parishes. Frank will help organize the committee, and the program, in soliciting parishioners, will begin in September.

- e. Facilities. Vice President McKeon mentioned the new audio system at our Verplanck location.
- f. Communications. Vice President McKeon discussed the new audio system at Verplanck, and how the \$13,000 system was paid for by donations from parishioners. We also had a report on the web site from Frank Streng and Margaret McKeon.
- g. “Making All Things New” – Implementation Committee. Frank gave us a report as to his attendance at the Somers meeting of the Archdiocese in April.

3. New Business.

- a. Property Across the Street. President Hemsing discussed the possibility of marking the property. We had a discussion about options. We shall move forward with
- b. Msgr. Hendricks’ Memorial Service. Father George spoke about plans for a memorial service for Msgr. Hendricks, who recently died. Father chose July 24th at 11:30 mass dedicated to Msgr. Hendricks. There will be an announcement in the bulletin.
- c. Father Vigilante. Father Vigilante has been reassigned, and will be leaving us effective July 1st. We shall have a luncheon to honor him on July 9th. There will be a posting for the luncheon in the bulletin.
- d. New Office Space. Father George announces that we shall be working on establishing a new office space downstairs at the rectory. We are looking for financial assistance for supplies, but much of the work will be done by parishioners.
- e. New Church Name. Effective 8/1/2016, the new name of the church will be St. Christopher and St. Patrick Church.

4. **Adjournment.** We adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm. Our next meeting shall be on Thursday, July 14th, at 7:00 pm.

Submitted,

Frank Streng, Secretary