



In attendance: Linda Caliguiri, Elizabeth Cilano, Lisa Coon, Annamaria Falzarano, Fr. John Firpo,

Jim Peters, Gerry Streb, Gina Reeder, Mark Stechschulte, Ken Whitley, Jr.

Absent: Gina Mussumeci, Linda Caliguiri

1. **Opening Prayer (Elizabeth)**
2. **Minutes from 1-31-2023 approved.**
3. **Diocesan Bankruptcy Update** (Fr. John) - shared in executive session, more details in future
4. **Updates** (Fr. John)

Finance Council Update

CMA a big success - 110.5% of \$96,000 goal, SCB keeps 50% of overage

Outreach to parishioners - 7 parish task force contacting inactive parishioners to encourage increased mass attendance

Capital Projects: tree removal complete, stumps ground, mulch will be used around grounds consulting with nurseries re: replacement trees

parking lot needs resealing, restriping- late spring early summer- quotes/dates will be obtained

No finance council meeting in April - next meeting in May

No Parish Council meeting in April - next meeting May 1

Finance Council is looking at Pancake breakfasts starting up again - part of fundraising

Multi Parish Faith Formation - Amanuel needs assistant - search for one underway

SCB 1st penance last Tuesday, 13 children received sacrament

Confirmation May 10 @ Sacred Heart, SCB 1st Communion 4/29

Youth Ministry - led by Donna Gray - pizza party was this past Sunday @ SCB

Hands of Christ - 6 high school seniors received this honor - will be recognized 4/22 at mass

Upcoming mass schedule and Live Streaming

continued positive feedback from those watching live stream

occasional problems with live streaming cutting out - looking at internet speed, should be fixed for now, might need new cameras

need to keep inviting people to attend mass vs live streaming

Stations of the Cross Friday afternoons @3 (25 people average)

Holy Thursday (4/6) liturgy at 7

Good Friday (4/7) at 2:30

Easter Vigil (4/8) at 7:30

Easter Sunday masses at 8:30 and 10:30

confession every Sat 3-4, plus Wed April 5 3-5 PM

All registered parishioners will get a letter this week inviting them to Holy Week services.

Music Ministry March 26 - Charlie's Angels are back!

Home/hospital visitations

Lee Ventrella coordinates visitation, keeps parish staff informed of health status/updates on those parishioners

Other parishes modeling visitation ministry on SCB

Greece/Charlotte/Hilton Task Force for Pastoral Planning

Parishes involved: SCB, St. Lawrence, St. John, MOS, Holy Cross, St. Mark, St. Leo

Gina Reeder is the SCB rep on this task force - looking at collaborating among parishes as priests retire (most between 60 and 80 yrs old) and few new priests are ordained. This strategy will conserve resources for the parishes involved as well. These parishes are examining ways to support each other. There will be a joint website to allow for transparency and begin to educate parishioners regarding future changes. In addition to allowing for limited number of priests, this collaboration will allow for communal support in terms of parishes advertising for one another, evangelization of parishioners who have not returned to mass, advocating for vocations, etc. Bulletin articles beginning to outline this process will start March 18.

This same issue is being faced in all Dioceses. This proactive task force puts the Greece/Charlotte/Hilton parishes ahead of the game in that these talks have begun, with the Bishop's approval, before recommendations come from the Diocese of Rochester regarding dealing with priest shortages, etc..

Note: we can no longer call on Jesuits @ McQ or Basilians at AQ or St. John Fisher - there are only 1 or 2

5. **Review: Strength In Numbers Survey** - see attached document

- 13 responses received, parishioners responding with contact info were emailed or called to express thanks for their participation
- bottom line: very little interest/positive feedback to justify pursuing this at this time when other projects/ideas are more necessary and more promising uses of time
- EC will send Joanie bulletin blurb re:discontinuing Strength in Numbers prayers
- could try again advent or lent

suggestion - reflection questions on homily or readings in bulletin

Note: appreciation for ability to read along with scripture readings since they are printed in the bulletin

6. **Discussion of Synod Action Items (1 Attachment: Action Items)**

A. Discuss Item #6: Identify ways to support parishioners aging in place

- Are there any specific suggestions beyond home visitation to support family members who are caregivers for spouses or other ailing family members?

people aging in place - how to support them and their caregivers

SCB provides information on resources available to the homebound and their families

Discussion points:

- this can be private concern - can be difficult for people to ask for help
- are people falling through the cracks and not be supported by SCB?
- SCB visitation team builds relationships with homebound parishioners
- take notice of people around us - follow up if it is noticed someone is missing - take ownership of people with whom we worship!

- add notice in bulletin re:do you have a need for home visitation? This would be especially helpful at strategic times such as during inclement weather, holidays
- get well cards and birthday cards mean a lot

B. Discuss Item #7: Promote parish-wide events and evaluate for effectiveness

- What is the best process for the Parish Council to evaluate events in regards to expense, staff/volunteer time commitment and achievement of identified goals.

Discussion points:

- evaluate events since they consume resources and time
 - evaluation straightforward for fundraiser -look at how much was raised
 - social/fundraiser - how many attended
 - good to have a systematic evaluation of events
 - how do we restart programs now that we are moving post covid
 - always a need for volunteers to run these events
 - will be a testing ground now
 - events start w/parish secretary to reserve date, obtain supplies
 - existing groups could sponsor coffee hours (parish council, social ministry, etc)
- Kof C willing to sponsor coffee hour in April - in back of church on a Sunday - Gerry S. will organize

7. **Other Items - CPR training** - Annamaria contacted Barnard regarding offering a CPR course. It would be a way to provide resources to community. Suggestion to start small, if more interest offer more courses.

The Chair voiced concern that such preliminary training does not properly prepare a person for actual CPR and emergency actions and strenuously objected to proceeding with such training.

Greece Central contacted also
intensive training a longer course

8. Closing

Next meeting May 1 - joint w finance council

Submitted by E. Cilano

