



**Attendees:** Fr. John Firpo, Jim Peters, Mark Stechschulte, Gina Reeder, Linda Caligiuri, Lisa Coon, Annamaria Falzarano, Gina Mussumeci, Jerry Streb, Ken Whitney, Jr.  
**Absent:** Elizabeth Cilano

- 1. Opening Prayer (Annamaria Falzarano)**
- 2. Approval of minutes from 03-07-2023 (attached)**
- 3. Staff Update (Fr. John)**

2022-2023 CMA Campaign:

- This year's campaign has been extremely successful reaching 112% of its goal with 386 families contributing.
- The Campaign will conclude May 31, 2023.

Capital Projects:

- The air conditioning compressor will be tested as the final phase of installation.
- Plans are being made for re-sealing and striping of the parking lot.

Faith Formation:

- Amanuel is looking for a new part-time assistant to help him with his duties.
- Confirmation is scheduled for May 10, 2023 at Sacred Heart Cathedral; the Rite of Sending the Confirmands was held at SCB on April 22, 2023 at the 4:00 pm Mass.
- First Communion was celebrated at SCB on April 29, 2023.

Youth Ministry:

- Donna Gray is holding bi-weekly meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm. There will be a break in the schedule for the summer.

Fund Raising:

- The Great Garage Sale will be held over Memorial Day weekend (May 26-28) and the following weekend (June 2-4). Donations are currently being accepted and volunteers are needed.
- The Ladies' Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 14 2023; details are forthcoming.

Music Ministry:

- The Children's Choir is scheduled for Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, 2023 at the 10:30 am Mass. They also were part of the First Communion celebration on 4/29.

Home Visitation:

- This ministry continues well and will soon include hospital visitation at Unity Hospital. Volunteers are needed.

Social Media/Website:

- SCB recently hired Michaela Meleca (St. John Fisher University student) for this part-time position. She is scheduled to begin on Monday May 8, 2023.

#### **4. Pastoral Planning Task Force Update (Fr. John, Gina Reeder)**

- The 7 parishes of Greece, Charlotte and Hilton have taken the initiative to develop pro-active plans to build and improve cooperative services among the 7 parishes and be better stewards of our limited staff and financial resources., especially the limited number of available priests. Plans are to develop a report of suggestions and recommendations for review by the Diocese.
- The 7 parishes are Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist, St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great and St. Mark.
- Representatives of the 7 parishes meet monthly; SCB representatives are Fr. John, Gina Reeder and Dave Steklenski.
- Specific work projects center around outreach to inactive parishioners, encouraging vocations and developing a shared website to improve inter parish communications. Another area is working together to create plans in case that an emergency hampers the routine weekend Mass schedule and minimize the impact of any one parish's parishioners.
- Updates on the Pastoral Planning Task Force have been included in the SCB parish bulletin since January. Please consult the SCB website for back issues of the bulletin.
- Discussion centered around increasing awareness of this initiatives among SCB parishioners and focus on existing cooperative services, such as Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Financial Services.
- Discussion also focused on viewing the Task Force in the nature of an extended family working together for the mission of the church and the benefit of every parishioner.
- More news will be shared as the Task Force moves forward.

#### **5. Other Items**

- Several positive comments were made about Deacon Don Eggleston's recent bulletin reflections and hopes that they will continue

#### **6. Closing**

- The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee on Monday June 5, 2023.

**submitted by Jim Peters**