

St. Cronan Parish Council Minutes

July 7, 2021 @ 7pm

Secretary: Erin O., Task-Keeper: Melanie E.

Present: Justin Lorenz, Melanie Ernst, Fr. Jack Schuler, Mary Ward, Helen Heilich, David Gaillardetz, Andrew Viragh, John Gozdziwski, Diane Gozdziwski, Shelly Kurtz, Erin O'Connell, Sr. Clare Bass

Absent: Christine Lakey, Andrew Gonzer, Nick Ambrose (second half)

Dyad Check-Ins

Opening Prayer (Melanie E.)

Minutes from June 2021 PC meeting – review and motion to approve Andrew V., Seconded by David G. and Shelly K. Approved.

Old Business

Website Update & Feedback (Andrew V)

Andrew V. provided the following examples of websites and asked for general feedback about what aspects of those websites we would like to include (or should avoid) in the new Cronan's website:

- <https://worldwidembc.org>
- <https://fpcnorthshoreipswich.com>
- <https://standrewsirvine.org>
- <https://stpaulselkinspark.org>

Parish Council members shared the following specific feedback:

- Shelly liked St. Andrew website, similar to St. Cronan.
- David agreed organization is best on St. Andrews and Helen agreed with David.
- Erin liked photos rather than videos and pointed out that a menu bar is easier to navigate than a small drop-down box menu.
- Melanie felt that St. Paul was aggressive in coloring and that lighter colors are better.
- Diane liked St. Paul's home page photo transitions and pointed out that it was more subtle than St. Andrew's. John agreed that slide swiping is a distraction.
- Justin liked St. Andrew's ministry and St. Paul's calendar.
- Andrew V.'s comments:
 - o St. Andrew similar in mission
 - o St. Paul similar in layout, but more robust in imagery and content
 - o Aiming for middle ground between subdued and rock band
 - o Jazz hands is too much (we should avoid scrolling photos, video, etc...)

Next steps for the website development:

- Content creation is paused until a site map is built. The website team is more concerned about creating a site map first.
- Website team will send site map, imagery, etc... through the communication committee and then back to parish council.

- There are about a dozen people tuning in to mass over Facebook live. We would like to move mass streaming to website.

Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) Status

- A sub-committee to communicate with Ashwini has formed including the following members: Melanie, Justin, Andrew V., and Christine.
- Andrew V. last reached out to Ashwini July 7th.

Hospitality Committee Update (Christine, notes read by Justin)

- We have purchased a cart for song books. Greeters will hand out books.
- RSVP for BBQ Aug 22nd after 10 am mass. Bring vegetarian side dishes (do not need to coordinate). Coordinate drinks between two people. We will use paper products.
- Greeters returning to posts starting July 18th. **Let Christine know if you would like to be a greeter**, you would commit to one 10am Sunday per month.
- Hand out welcome packets to new people at mass.
- Bios are in the welcome packet and back of church.
- Introductions: Return to asking new people to introduce themselves (name, why they came to Cronan's). Parishioner who brought newcomer also introduce themselves. We discussed how to ask for newcomers:
 - o Andrew V. felt uncomfortable standing up.
 - o Clare suggested keeping same system because if they are comfortable, they will stand up, and if not, then they won't.
 - o Diane suggested that if you see someone new, offer to introduce them, or at least shake their hand after mass.
- Christine: thanks to all for being welcoming!

Fundraising Committee Update (Helen)

- We are postponing virtual bingo until fall or winter because people want to be outside/enjoy summer and we might have low attendance.
- Dancing priest event is also postponed due to roof construction.
- Fr. Jack asked about Smile Amazon update. Mary does not know if we can check how many people are signed up. Andrew V. will check with other organizations and look into how to check this.
- Helen will send out a request on CronanTalk for a new fundraising committee leader to fill her role starting next year.

Homecoming event idea (Nick)

- Nick proposed a new idea that sometime in October/November we host a fundraiser event, such as a beer garden or picnic, to welcome people in the parish back. We would invite anyone who has been a parishioner in the past to come back and visit. This could include a social hour and lawn games.
- Helen is happy to help, but would need a subcommittee. Shelly volunteered to join the sub-committee. Diane pointed out that Maggie was already looking to organize a pot luck event and perhaps Maggie would join the subcommittee. Diane will give Nick Maggie's contact info.
- Fr. Jack suggested that this even be held on a Sunday, rather than Saturday.

Volunteers to Lift Up (Clare)

- Clare is giving framed 5x7 photos of the statue as a thank you to the volunteers we are recognizing.
- Clare is still deciding which Sunday to recognize the Men's retreat leaders, but it will likely be at the end of the month.
- All parish council members should add names of volunteers we would like to thank (click on "Volunteers 2021" tab at the bottom):
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13hcrDHSMZhN0LK6vuLi1my70CKJ90dBUcSeb48tD454/edit?usp=sharing>

PC meetings in person?

- Melanie will send out a survey to gauge how people feel about switching parish council meetings to in person.
- Andrew V. offered his work space if we would like to do a hybrid approach. We will need to decide the best location, either at Cronan's or at Andrew V.'s office.

Fr. Jack's Report

ACA report

- We have reached both our goals (regular and challenge goal) and raised \$19,037 so far.

COVID-19 Protocols for church, Coffee and Donuts

- There were 120 responses to the vaccination survey and 92% of those who answered survey are vaccinated.
- We have returned to regular communion administration (with the exception of receiving on the tongue).
- We are still wearing masks so that children are welcome and safe.
- Coffee and donuts is open again. Not sure what to about precautions against new variant, which are that we should be wearing masks inside. People have been ignoring the signs on the tables, but mask-wearing will be especially enforced if children are at coffee and donuts. Diane or Fr. Jack will include a reminder to wear masks for coffee and donuts in their announcements at the end of mass.
- Melanie suggested moving coffee & donuts outside and Nick suggested we could have people sign-up to help move chairs, etc. Fr. Jack pointed out that we need to be consistent and it would be extra work for those organizing coffee and donuts.

Missionary from Uganda on the weekend of July 24th and 25th

- Co-op program

Surprise Gift from a Visitor

- Cronan's received \$1000 from someone out of town who attended mass and especially appreciated the service.

Return to Weekend Masses

- 5, 8, and 10 masses are all back in session, without sign-ups.

Diane's Report

- We have two teachers for middle school religious education, but we still need a teacher for the third graders. The kids are very sweet!

- First reconciliation, will provide catechism.
- Commitment is the 1st Sunday of every month from Sept to May, 9-9:45am
- Teacher will send assignments home to do with parents.
- Justin would do it with a co-teacher (Olivia or Erin join?).
- Diane is building up the lector and Eucharistic minister lists.
 - We only need one Eucharistic minister at the 10am mass.
 - Diane will send lector info ~Thursday before mass.
 - Justin wants to lector.
- What to do about virtual coffee and donuts: Virtual people could not join because it was too loud, so we will need to drop virtual coffee and donuts.

Mary's Report – Roof Update, painting project

- Roof project was halted due to glitch in permit, but will be starting up again tomorrow (July 8th). Fingers crossed to finish before the rain!
- Plan to paint doors to parish center. We have a bid, but still need to decide color.

Task-Keeper Report (Melanie)

- Andrew: follow-up with website
- PC: respond to Christine's e-vite and bring a side dish
- Andrew V.: find out about Amazon Smile
- Helen: send out CronanTalk looking for fundraising committee chair
- Melanie: send out list to lift up volunteers
- Fr. Jack: remind people to wear masks to coffee and donuts and bring their chairs outside
- PC: remind people to wear masks at coffee and donuts
- Nick: form home-coming committee (Maggie, Helen, Shelly)
- Melanie: send out survey to gauge interest in PC meetings in person

Closing Prayer (Helen)

Next Meeting: Wed., Aug 4th, 2021 @ 7pm. Secretary = Nick;
Opening Prayer = Erin; Closing Prayer = Christine; Task-Keeper = Justin