

Parish Council
Minutes 8/4/21 (as corrected, 9/7/21)

Erin had opening prayer

Helen approved, Justin seconded – Approved with changes (Justin's name)

Fund raising -

Homecoming: in light of present Covid – do we want to do it now or wait until Spring? It would be held outside, except for the use of the Kitchen or the Coffee and Donuts room for people to cool off. It would be ok to hold it outside, but we are hesitant about using inside. With the Covid situation, there may not be enough time to organize it, and there may not be enough people attending. It might be better to postpone it, to err on the side of caution. It will be tabled until the Spring.

Fall Mum Sale – Like last year, mums can be ordered online. Are there any objections to holding the sale? We can make \$1700. Parish Council is ok with moving forward. Helen will organize it for late September.

Football as a fundraiser – People would buy tickets for \$25 and have a chance to win over 18 weeks St. Johns Church covers it. We make \$10 per card for selling the cards (the amount goes up if you sell more cards). The procedure is very simple – each card has 3 letters/numbers – corresponds to teams playing that week. After each week – high score gets paid out at \$400, low - \$25, with other points taking money as well. We need to make sure St. Cronan is listed in Organization on the cards. We can accept credit cards. Can be sold to people in other states. Credit cards will have a fee, however. Decided to go with checks or cash. Helen will announce at Church. Justin moved, Christine seconded. Approved.

Nick wants to lead fundraising. We will ask him to choose people to help him. Helen will help him on a committee. People will come out to help. People always show up. If we have a committee, it would be helpful to Nick.

Christine – Hospitality Committee –

Do we need to cancel the barbecue in August? Thirty people – crowded together on benches. New people come, limit parish council guests coming, wear masks when not eating. PC and families make up the most numbers. We can limit us if we don't bring spouses. If people are willing to come and follow CDC guidelines. Pare it to just for the council. See how the new people feel who have RSVP'd. Christine will check with them. If they are not comfortable, we will cancel it.

Christine needs greeters. Thanks to Mary for the Bio Packets, they have received rave reviews. Rave reviews also about the booklets. There were four new people at 10:00 Mass. Nametags are updated – thanks to Mary. Mary has updated everyone she knows about. If you meet someone, give them a packet, take their number, text them.

ABAR – Ashwini is writing up a new plan. Melanie and Justin reported. Potentially use a Parish Assembly – how to include everyone as a Parish.

Website – Andrew not here to share

Honoring volunteers: Clare – will figure out a date in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Goals progress at the next meeting – Justin. See how we are doing – what we need to focus on.
Hold ourselves accountable. Justin will work on this.

Fr. Jack's report:

Fr Jack is worried about Delta virus – called off Coffee and Donuts. Don't have in-house meetings. It's been very difficult.

Letter to Archbishop – Pope Francis quoted in Article about James Martin – Encouragement of James Martin – include quotes, change the beginning – he's not brand new. Be more specific about what to ask Archbishop to do. Melanie asked what we want him to do? Carlson was invited to Wash U Newman Center to meet with LGBTQ students. Maybe invite him to meet with our LGBTQ community. Fr. Jack may be meeting with him, talk about – continuation of dismissal of Tamara Kenny re: who he is listening to. He didn't know that Tamara was about to go on family leave – very cruel to dismiss her when they did. The second issue is about immigration – needs to talk with him about advocating for immigration. Kim and Barry will address this. He is not asking people – picture of a sister who is angry her picture was in article where he did not advocate for immigration. Tell the Archbishop that Jack will be an advocate for a Doe Run victim.

Perhaps give the Archbishop an open invitation – simple, open time to come and meet our parishioners – see what we're about. Come to Mass, whatever. Experience us. Mention us as an example. Doesn't put certain people on the spot.
Do something more substantial in a way to get to know us – unique ministries and projects.

There is a new strategic plan in the works – St. Cronan – we want something substantial. We are a haven. We have an administrative plan. We need people to testify for the Parish. We could invite the Archbishop to Mass – we could ask people who lead groups to meet with him after Mass, outside – have all people come to meet him. We need to be organized.

Jack will see how soon he can get in to see him. He will get back to Melanie about this.

Celebrate the Medicaid Expansion Victory – Jack is point person. Tamara Kenny and David Gerth – asked 3 other organization involved in movement. Tower Grove Park – food trucks – all the organizations involved in this. That's where that stands. People in our parish worked hard on that.

Free Library – There is one around the corner on Vista. Make it a little more known to community .

Ask PC to do a letter – Alderman Sweet Tea Phil – Jack asked for new street and sidewalks. Better for biking. Melanie will write it. Send it to the office.

Diane's Report: What to do about Funeral Luncheons: People coming, but we don't have the group to make food as we did in the past. Ask Family to pay \$2 per person for luncheon? Ask for food as soon as possible - maybe it was too late to announce.

Put out announcement who is bringing food? Announce at Church.

Have Maggie or somebody ask at church to invite people back to help her. Maybe get a list of people who would be willing to provide food – the Marthas. List at Mass – sign up as they leave. Diane will contact Maggie.

Mary's Report: Roof is Complete – Plants got damaged – Roofing company provided money. Gardening committee asked for some, Mary asked for more. Roof only cost \$2500 for us. The roof cost \$84,000, plastering cost \$10,000, our cost was \$2,500 deductible, plus \$2,250 for items not covered (approved by finance committee).

Painters and plasterers are working. - Getting entire Church ceiling painted.

Tasks:

Helen – football and mums fundraiser

Christine – will reach out about welcome invent

Justin- review goals

Melanie and Jack will edit letter to Archbishop

Melanie will write Sweet Tea

Diane will contact Maggie.

Closing Prayer: Christine

Next Meeting – September 1

Clare will take Minutes and do closing prayer