

St. Cronan Parish Council

Minutes

September 1, 2021 @ 7pm

Secretary: Diane

Task-Keeper: Christine

Dyad Check-Ins (7-7:10)

Opening Prayer (Justin)

Minutes from Aug 2021 PC meeting – were approved with corrections

Fr. Jack's Report (7:15-7:25)

Archdiocesan Strategic Plan will be a two-year project that will propose major changes, affecting churches and schools in the entire Archdiocese. Meetings to introduce the strategic plan will take place Oct. 8 for priests, Oct. 9 – for lay parish representatives. Melanie and Sr. Chabanel will represent St. Cronan. After that meeting we will see where we will go. Fr. Jack was asked to provide context for this. The comment the Archbishop heard most was that we need to reorganize, Archbishop keeps hearing this. One of the things pushing it is that soon there will be less than 1 priest per parish. Melanie would like a copy of the Viability Study Sr. Chabanel spearheaded last time. Fr. Jack will send it.

Delta Variant Surge – last week, there was a huge crowd of people at 10:00 Mass, due to children's faith formation. The week before there were several people from out of town. This may subside a bit, but it seems the variant is going wild. We need to control where people sit, especially at the 10:00 Mass.

Solar Panels – Edict from Archbishop does not allow for projects or improvements unless for safety – solar panels would not be safety. This is for 2 years.

Bench Outside Church – refinished – looks nice.

Old Business (7:25-7:55)

Fundraising Committee Update (Helen)

Football Booster Fundraiser is finished. We sold 62 cards that we know of – some may have sent the cards directly to St. John. We also had donations, so as of now we made \$810.00.

Hospitality Committee Update (Christine) – ideas – done the projects we wanted. Not a lot of interest from the new parishioners. Will keep the gathering for another date. Talk with people as you leave church. Note who is new and try to talk with them and get their number. Make sure they are encouraged to become a parishioner. Christine was asked if she has a list of greeters. We need people to help in the back – get there a bit early, pass out song books, ushers to take people to seats. We will send out a call to service mid to late week. Diane can send out and

put a sign-up list in back of church. Melanie can make an announcement. As soon as the poster is ready.

Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) Status (Subcommittee)

Ashwini's Proposal – Andrew Viragh reported that the committee received a proposal from Ashwini that included everything that would be available. The committee will examine each of these offerings, cross-checking with budget and/or feedback from finance committee and will present to the PC in October.

Letter to the Archbishop (Melanie) – Melanie has worked on it. With climate of strategic plan we thought it might be better to step back and wait a minute. Fr. Jack didn't feel he connected with the Archbishop when he met with him. Christine thinks we should send what we have. See a draft and just get it out. Meeting request should be for an expected outcome of that meeting. More beneficial when we have strategic plan. Want to make sure we present ourselves the way we are. We need to make sure we bring across our point in a way that is directed toward a goal. Justin would like to look at it again and re-work it. Melanie will send a draft to us – we can send suggestions to Justin – Justin will re-work and send it to Melanie and Fr. Jack

Website Update (Andrew V) – see goals.

Volunteers to Lift Up – Clare was not at the meeting to report.

New Business (7:55-8:10)

Discussion on Status of 2021 Parish Council Goals (Justin, all)

1. **Seeking to Become an Anti-Racist Parish** – was listed as “TBD.” The name was changed to “Seeking to Become an Anti-Bias, Anti-Racist Parish” (ABAR). Another was suggested as “Seeking to Become an Inclusive Parish.” This past year, we engaged with a consultant to form a strategic plan and formed a subcommittee to investigate and decide on further action. The subcommittee will make recommendations for this goal at the October meeting.
2. **Adult Faith Formation** – This goal has been met as it is written. The five small groups are still meeting. Diane will re-send the information, inviting people to join the groups this fall.
3. **Volunteer Appreciation** – Some points of the goal were not met as written due to Covid. Appreciation dinners were not held. However, people are very appreciative of the gift of a picture of the statue.
4. **Fundraising** – this goal was set at \$6,000 this year due to Covid. We met that amount. We have not yet received the Archdiocesan Yearly report to determine what was actually made. We do not yet know the goal for this fiscal year.
5. **Themed masses and services** – these were on hold due to Covid. We did have stations of the cross each week during Lent online.

6. **Website** – Andrew is working on the site map. He needs help keeping Instagram up-to-date with more dynamic posts, perhaps for certain feast days, etc. Justin will reach out to the young adult group to see if they could coordinate.

7. **Local Community Engagement** – there are meetings planned with state legislators, and work was done toward Medicaid expansion. Andrew V. suggested that some people from St. Cronan might want to get involved with Park Central, which is a central development community involved in gentrification. They are involved in local policies and politics, but are not residents – are rather developers and property owners. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please let Andrew V. know.

Sound System – The audio is not optimal either on the recordings or live. The speaker picks up mostly the choir, but readers and Fr. Jack aren't as loud. The choir is currently limited in numbers due to Covid restrictions. Mary is looking for a good sound company to check out the system. Jack, Diane, Mary and David will meet to discuss the sound system and see what can be done.

Diane's Report (8:10-8:15)

Sock Drive – we almost filled the box. Diane contacted the person in charge, who will pick them up this week.

Mary's Report (8:15-8:20)

Plumbing in Church Basement – When the file cabinets and shelves were moved from the back wall in the choir room, the entire wall was wet due to leaking pipes. The plumber shut the water off to the choir sink and the outside spigot. This cost \$1400.

Task-Keeper Report (Christine)

1. Christine send a list of greeters to Jack.
2. Diane will make a poster listing new service opportunities and sign-up. Melanie will announce at Church.
3. Andrew and committee will report on ABAR at next meeting.
4. Melanie will send the Archbishop letter to us to revise. We will send revisions to Justin, who will re-write the letter.
5. Mary will set up meeting to discuss audio.

Closing Prayer – Melanie said a closing prayer

Next Meeting: Wed., Oct 6th, 2021 @ 7pm. **Secretary = Shelly;**
Opening Prayer = Diane; Closing Prayer = David; Task-Keeper = Helen