

St. Cronan Parish Council Minutes

July 6, 2022 @ 7pm

Secretary = Melanie/Diane; **Task-Keeper** = Donna

Present: Melanie Ernst, Erin O'Connell, Justin Lorenz, Andrew Viragh, Mariah Byrne, Fr. Jack Schuler, Jennifer Hoffman, Donna Zuroweste, John Gozdziński, Mary Ward, Diane Gozdziński

Absent: Sr. Clare Bass, David Gaillardetz, Shelly Kurtz, Marcia Koester

Guest: Judy Gallagher, Social Justice Committee

Dyad Check-Ins (7-7:10)

Opening Prayer (Erin)

Minutes

Minutes from June 2022 PC meeting – were reviewed and approved

Social Justice Committee (7:15-7:25)

League of Women Voters & voter engagement (Judy Gallagher)

The Social Justice Committee, in partnership with the League of Women Voters and Midtown Men's Club, will be working on voter engagement and voter registration. We are assisting the League of Women voters to distribute yard signs and to participate in their post-card campaign in areas with low voter turnout. This Saturday, LWV is hosting a general event in Tower Grove Park to write post cards. Judy will place this in Cronan Talk. We can also pick up packs of post cards to write and mail.

Midtown Men's Club is working with voter engagement in our neighborhood.

Fr. Jack suggested that Judy contact Ellie Gund, who participated in the last voter turn-out work. The Parish Council thanked Judy for her work.

Old Business (7:25-8:00)

COVID-19 Update (Fr. Jack) – Fr. Jack is happy that we are still wearing masks in church as Covid is having another surge. Everyone continues to wear masks except for the occasional visitor.

Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) Update (Andrew) – Ashwini has a proposal of next steps. We want to gauge the temperature of the Parish regarding this work. Andrew sent a PDF version of the Survey and the email with the survey intro.

Discussion: Fr. Jack – hone down opportunities in survey. Donna – rank order, Melanie – likes the multiple options and the gauge, but 22 questions can be difficult. Suggested that duplicate questions be removed, and any questions that are not parish-wide actions. The Parish Council should send comments to Andrew and Justin by Thursday, July 14. They will announce and send out the survey the weekend of the 16-17.

Website update (Andrew) – The Website content is available as a Google doc. Please suggest other things people want to call out. Comment in the margins on the Google Doc. Get feedback to Andrew by Friday, July 15. Also note if you are ok with the content as is, so he knows everyone had a chance to review it. Comment on document concerning verbiage and possible design topics.

Volunteers to Lift Up (Clare) – not present to report

Fundraising Committee Update (Jennifer) – we will have the football raffle in the Fall. T-shirts – Andrew can find a local vendor. We will have 1 t-shirt design, available to the parish as a pre-order. Keep it simple with a logo and motto, and in one color. Online ordering is not difficult; Andrew will teach Donna and Mary how to use our Square account. The motto for the t-shirt should be whatever is on the banner at church: “striving to be an inclusive community” or “Striving to be inclusive.” Jennifer will have design options for next PC Meeting. Mariah offered to help with vendor and t-shirt sales.

Ministries report (Jennifer and/or others) Book-discussion, Gardening and Prayer Shawl ministries continue. Erin asked if other people who are ministry liaisons should report every meeting or just as needed. Mariah reported that MCU is having an air-quality rally. Diane shared the information and registration on Cronan Talk and will include in bulletin/Monday notes. Donna reported that SVDP would like to have a fall fundraiser, either a breakfast or chili supper – they will schedule around the Potluck date.

Hospitality committee & potluck update (Erin) Christine and Maggie are working on a Parish Pot-luck and are aiming for September.

We have had 23 new members join since January of 2021.

Pronoun stickers (Erin) Erin has ordered the pronoun stickers and has a description. Can we go ahead and send this out and make an announcement about availability? It was suggested that the description be placed by the stickers and emphasize that all are welcome, and why they are welcome. Will include blank stickers so people can write their own pronouns. Also encourage using pronouns when speaking at Church, especially in announcements, but also in introductions.

LGBTQIA planning (Fr. Jack) – report is still coming from the Archdiocese. Fr. Jack has been waiting for Andrew and David to organize groups.

New Business (8:00-8:05)

Update on Synod Session with the Archbishop (Andrew) – Andrew, Helen attended. Andrew was inspired and disappointed. In their attempt to be inclusive, they lump minorities into one group, including the LGBTQIA, Latin, and other communities. Andrew emphasized how his family is financially supportive of the Archdiocese, especially Catholic Charities. He highlighted his personal experiences and his journey, and asked the Archbishop what about his journey wasn't Catholic? He could see that the Archbishop had the right amount of discomfort. Andrew mentioned the affirming Parish council of St. Cronan, Sr. Nancy, Fr. Gary, and Michael Meehan, who are people who have effective solutions for the Archbishop and the diocese. Andrew hopes to use his thank-you note to outline what needs to be done. He felt a dichotomy of emotions and hope for the pathway forward. He is hoping to (1) drive a deeper conversation; (2) connect other families in kinships groups; and (3) engage in more official work around the archdiocese to connect people.

Fr. Jack's Report (8:05-8:15)

All Things New update – three things will be shared on Cronan Talk in the next few weeks:

1. Data from the Archdiocese

2. Data from the planning region
3. Data from the Parish

The report to the parish will be made the end of July.

In August, at the Priest meeting, they will float scenarios of what may come.

ACA Update – we made our goal – stop giving!

Update on Holy Communion from the cup – after polling Masses, we will have one cup at the 10:00 Mass on the Choir side. We will not have the cup at 5:00 or 8:00 Masses. The question was raised about intinction (dipping the bread in the wine). We can discuss this with the Liturgy Committee, but it can be awkward and there is a greater chance of spilling the Precious Blood.

Missionary visit this weekend - Fr. Anthony from the Philippines

We are disassociating from IFCLA because they have received a donation from an abortion organization. The CCHD grant was pulled and was the Daughters of Charity foundation grant. They were told of the ramifications of accepting the donation – immigration has nothing to do with reproductive rights.

Three cheers for the Garden Committee! We've received many compliments!

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

City Greens on Manchester – Lacy Cagle would like to find ways in which we can support each other. Diane has included information in the bulletin and Cronan Talk. We would like to host a coffee and donuts at City Greens in September so our people can see what they are about. City Greens is vital to the neighborhood and we need to partner with them and find ways for us to support them. Mariah offered to help with the liaison. Lacy offered to speak at 10:00 Mass on July 17, but Mariah will be out of town, so we will set up another date with Lacy.

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem fair trade sale – They will bring fair-trade items from Palestine to sell in church. The Council approved – the Friends of Bethlehem will pick a date and set up.

Archive poster dates – Al and Bill are creating 3 sets of posters that span the History of St. Cronan. Each set has 20 posters. They would like to display the first set, which covers the first 50 years, the weekend of August 6-7. Parish council suggested that each set should be displayed for a month, to give people a chance to see them. It would also be nice if we could display the first set somewhere when the second set is put up, maybe in the Choir loft or on the stairs leading up to the loft. Perhaps they could all be displayed when we have the potluck. Also, the posters might be able to be put online, on the website, and/or in picture book format.

Mary's Report (8:20-8:25)

Banner update – banners are on the church. The company took \$100 off the invoice because of the delay. The banner to be carried is ready to go.

Coping and brick work on the church – Mary is working with the Archdiocese to get estimates and then will file an insurance claim. It looks like it is a very big job.

Task-Keeper Report (Donna)

All: review website information by July 15.

Provide feedback on ABAR survey to Andrew and Justin by July 14.

Jennifer: Football raffle in the Fall

Jennifer with Andrew and others - T-shirt vendor, and design. Mary and Donna will learn to use Square for online sales with Andrew.

Erin: Potluck, Pronouns

Jack and Diane – discuss intinction with Liturgy Committee

Diane – tell Friends of Bethlehem to have their sale

Coordinate City Greens talk and Coffee and Donuts

Communicate with Al and Bill about posters

Mary - work on insurance claim

Closing Prayer (John G)

Next Meeting: August 3rd, 2022 @ 7pm

Secretary = Sr. Clare; **Task-Keeper** = Diane

Opening Prayer = Justin; **Closing Prayer** = David