

St. Cronan Parish Council Minutes

June 1, 2022 @ 7pm

Secretary = Diane; **Task-Keeper** = Mariah

Present: *Melanie Ernst, Mariah Byrne, Erin O’Connell, Clare Bass, Marcia Koester, John Gozdzialski, Justin Lorenz, David Gaillardetz, Jennifer Hoffman, Donna Zuroweste, Fr. Jack Schuler, Diane Gozdzialski*

Absent: *Andrew Viragh, Mary Ward*

Guests – *Jim Tobin and Dave Bolesta – finance committee*

Dyad Check-Ins (7-7:10)

Opening Prayer (John G)

Minutes

Minutes from May 2022 PC meeting were reviewed and voted to approve, Mariah moved, Clare seconded, Council approved

Financial Report (7:15-7:35) (Budget is attached)

Finance committee on the budget for 2022-2023 FY (Jim Tobin & Dave Bolesta), additional Finance Committee Members are Bob Mahon, Dede Coughlin, Mary Ward, Fr. Jack

We replaced roofs on the church and the parish center, which were paid with insurance. We just paid deductible and for a few things we wanted to improve. We have had much generosity during the last two years.

Review of current year (Dave): Our approach is to come up with balanced budget – (income and expenses); other income and expenses = extraordinary items. We need to see how we are doing during the year – this year and last year had some great generosity. Then we project what we can reasonably plan to do in 2023. Budgeting \$319,000 for 2023. We expect to have a surplus in 2022. We tend to keep our numbers in that area. We work to balance the budget for ordinary income and expenses. Staff does an excellent job of keeping expenses in line with budget. There will be bonuses for staff right before the end of the fiscal year, whenever possible.

The cushion is taken in the revenue portion – we are aggressive in figuring that. We are showing a positive amount of \$3,000. The reserves are built up to almost 12 months reserve. We are looking at about a 3% increase in the budget.

Fund Raising: We are budgeting for \$2600 income via fund raising.

Motion to approve: Marcia; Justin seconded; Voted to approve budget.

We thanked the Finance committee for their work.

Old Business (7:35-8:00)

COVID-19 Update (Fr. Jack) – we need to keep an eye on Covid – no ribbons – we are wearing masks. We need to keep up with keeping masks at Church – we ran out last week

Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) Update (Andrew) – Andrew and Justin need to meet –Is it a good time to survey the parish, or should we wait? It might be a good time because the surveys for “All Things New” (ATN) are over. This Sunday is Cardinal Glennon Sunday. July – we have a missionary, and the end of August will be the report on ATN. We have lower numbers in Summer – numbers increase when school returns. All Things New overshadows all of it. Part of the survey we send out can be whether people are interested given the times. We suggest that the survey is put out in July if not earlier.

Website update (Andrew) – no website work at present (Andrew had Covid). He needs to recover first

Volunteers to Lift Up (Clare) – We will honor the Gardening committee sometime in June.

Fundraising Committee Update (Jennifer) – spring plant sale - \$400; sold \$400 on booster raffle. These amounts will be counted in last year’s budget. Need to look forward to upcoming year.

Some ideas: T-shirt sales – popular; other suggestions – pizzas, glasses with logo,

Book Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Garden Committee report (Jennifer) – book club is continuing (The Brain that Changes Itself). Garden Committee is ongoing – presently weeding and mulching; Prayer Shawl ministry is active. (Full report attached)

LGBTQIA planning (Fr. Jack) – not done with Andrew’s sickness. Fr. Jack was contacted by Marie Kenyon about a group of representatives from Synod sessions who are meeting with the Archbishop. Andrew and Helen Heilich will represent us in meeting with Archbishop on June 9.

New Business (8:00-8:05)

Hospitality committee update & pronoun stickers (Erin):

Hospitality Committee update

June potluck: Maggie doesn’t think end of June is good time. She is looking for another date.

Brainstorm other potluck ideas – let Erin know. Ideas include: Chili cookoff, Back-to-school potluck event, outdoor barbecues – invite neighbors;

Pronoun stickers to nametags – the stickers will be in back of church. Erin will share a print-out on why to share pronouns. That is in the works – Erin will send it out to us before we present it to parishioners.

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

All Things New update – meeting tomorrow evening to answer questions around survey, another meeting next week – get it done quickly before Justin and David leave town. Report to Diocese is due at end of June. The report to Parish will be in August, hopefully via Assembly

Synod update – Andrew and Helen will represent us in the meeting with the Archbishop.

God is on Your Side: Bishops Statement on Protecting LGBTQIA Youth- we approved it but haven't published that as yet. We need to get it out to Parish via CronanTalk and passing it out in church. Melanie will take care of this

Archbishop's visit – Archbishop Rozanski sent an email in which he mentioned that it was a privilege to celebrate with us. He commended the young people on the parish council.

Update on brother's condition – Jack has spent a lot of time at his brother's house, which wears him down. Mike walked with walker today.

Liturgy changes: The Archbishop is taking off the ban on receiving from cup at the end of the month – liturgy committee needs to talk about this implementation and let the PC know

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

Pride Parade – people have been asking if we are marching. Clare offered to be the point person and we would march with the Sisters of St. Joseph. Our sign is ready.

Confirmation – is scheduled for April of next year.

Protecting God's Children – Diane will take the training in August for next year

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

Update on church masonry/flashing project – trouble getting bids, we need two bids

Banner update – new banner on church

ACA update – do not have right now – Mary out this week

Other issues

ACA – There is a two week lag before it is reported to us, so we have more contributions than what are reflected.

All Things New Update in August Hopefully this will happen at a full parish meeting – presentation of that report might be a good time to have that meeting.

Archbishop: Justin is disappointed in Archbishop's response to our LGBTQIA+ ministry. He could have drawn from and shared a lot that is already in church teaching. Let's see what happens with Helen and Andrew and we can start a ministry here once Andrew is better. Melanie will write a thank-you note to Archbishop and send to Fr.

Jack for preview. Share in thank you note that we support “God on Your Side” – PC approved, other Bishops have signed on.

Task-Keeper Report (Mariah) –

Erin - Budget emailed to PC

Justin- and Andrew ABAR and July roll-out

Clare – gardening committee

Erin – pronouns, gatherings of parishioners

Melanie – God on your side – distribute to parish, thank you note to Archbishop

Closing Prayer (Mary) – Marcia led

Next Meeting: July 6th, 2022 @ 7pm

Secretary = Melanie; Task-Keeper = Donna

Opening Prayer = Erin; Closing Prayer = John G