

St. Cronan Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022 @ 7pm

Location: Hybrid (Cortex @ 20 S Sarah St; Zoom)

Present: In-person: Fr. Jack, Andrew Viragh, Melanie Ernst, Erin O'Connell, Marcia Koester, Justin Lorenz (secretary); **Virtually:** David Gaillardetz, Jennifer Hoffman, Diane Gozdziwski, Donna Zuroweste, Mariah Byrne, John Gozdziwski

Absent: Mary Ward, Shelly Kuntz, Sr. Clare Bass

Check-Ins

Opening Prayer - Mariah

April 2022 Minutes. Approved. (Lorenz motioned to approve, Viragh seconded).

Old Business

- COVID-19 Update (Fr. Jack) – St. Cronan is having open meetings. Masks are still strongly encouraged and almost everyone is wearing them.
- All Things New Update (Fr. Jack) – There will be a webinar mid May for key people and we will learn next steps from there.
- Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) Update (Andrew) – The calendar looks good for sending email/survey out about this. Andrew will prepare and send out with Justin's assistance.
- Website update (Andrew) – It is mapped out and Andrew will send language to Diane for her to work on. From there it will be sent to the company to put it all together.
- Volunteers to Lift Up (Clare) – Sr Clare left a note for the meeting stating we thanked the small group founders recently and next will thank the Gardening Committee.
- Fundraising Committee Update (Jennifer) – The spring plant sale is finished and earned \$500 in profit. Pickup is next Saturday and Sunday. The baseball raffle is going on through the end of May. \$25 tickets. Each ticket sold earns the church \$10.
- Book Club, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Garden Committee report (Jennifer) – All these clubs are active; many shawls were made recently for parishioners/families. The garden committee needs volunteers, Melanie is asking Young Adults for help, Diane will put call for volunteers in CronanTalk.
- Event banner (Erin) – Parish council members reviewed the current drafts and did informal hand raising votes to make certain changes. Andrew motioned to approve banner with slight tweaks remaining to be done. Melanie seconded. Motion approved. Erin will make tweaks and send to Mary.

New Business

- God is on Your Side: Bishops Statement on Protecting LGBTQIA Youth - hopefully a vote! (Fr. Jack & Melanie) – Andrew motioned to endorse Tyler Clementi Foundation letter, David second. Motion approved by all.
- Parish Manifesto (Fr. Jack & Melanie) – Melanie presented idea to make parish manifesto. Fr. Jack suggested we wait and see what data we get from All Things New before adding this project.
- LGBTQIA planning (Fr. Jack) – There are intentions to continue the work initiated by the recent synodal listening session on LGBTQIA+ issues. A work group including Andrew will be meeting on it.
- Potluck themed meal in June (Justin) – Maggie Mahon expressed interest in St. Cronan hosting a themed potluck in June. St. Vincent de Paul breakfast is confirmed for the fall and so will not compete or crowd the meal schedule. Justin will ask Maggie if she can organize and what help she'd like from parish council. Erin will include hospitality committee. Brunch/Lunch after Mass was suggested and to avoid evening. Donation basket could be set out. We should have sign-ups so have an idea of how many are coming.

Fr. Jack's Report

- Mass with the Archbishop – Will be May 29th. The archbishop declined a listening session explaining that All Things New process would cover this. Fr. Jack stated the point is to address and help healing towards the pain parishioners are holding related to LGBT+ issues. “A shepherd should take care of the wounds.” The archbishop will do a prayer of healing at the end of Mass which Fr. Jack offered to prepare for him. The archbishop’s office asked if we wanted a reception. Discussion among council members surrounding confronting the archbishop after the Mass about his decline.
- COP Retreat update – Fr. Jack reported that this took place and was introspective, solemn and included faith sharing. Sr Chabanel spearheaded.
- Easter update – Triduum services were attended by more people this year than last year.

Diane’s Report

- First Communion – The First Communion Mass went well. One child missed due to COVID and will receive it at May 28th Mass.
- Confirmation will be next spring.
- CPR Training went well.
- Pride Parade is at end of June. There is no current plan for St. Cronan to be represented—Diane will check on CSJ presence and ask Dede if she can recruit people to participate

Mary’s Report

Melanie read a report Mary left for council since Mary is very ill. This is also causing delays in her ability to attend to work issues (let’s pray for her)

- Hired electrician to fix a light fixture damaged by a leak.
- Roof problems have been repaired, though there is still the issue of exposed rocks at roof edge near southeast entrance. Roofers cannot do anything to catch the rocks. Mary is struggling to find a company that can fix it and so is reaching out to archdiocese for help.
- Plans to have Blessed Mother statue placed in May

Other items

- Continue hybrid meetings? Yes
- Shelly Kuntz is resigning from the parish council due to health concerns (let’s pray for her too)
- Mariah volunteered to be task-keeper next meeting

Task-Keeper Report - Erin

Closing Prayer - Fr. Jack

Next Meeting: June 1st, 2022 @ 7pm
Secretary = Diane; Task-Keeper = NEED A VOLUNTEER
Opening Prayer = John G.; Closing Prayer = Mary

Task-Keeper Report 5/6/22

- Andrew & Justin: send ABAR letter out to the parish
- Andrew: send website map to Diane
- All PC members: help with plant delivery May 7th
- Erin: put finishing touches on banner & send to Mary
- Erin: reach out to Christine about hospitality committee helping with potluck
- Justin: give Maggie Mahon the go-ahead to organize a summer potluck event
- Diane: ask Sr. Clare about pride parade
- Diane: send Confirmation dates to Fr. Jack