

St. Cronan Parish Council Minutes

September 7th, 2022 @ 7pm

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

Present: Erin O'Connell, David Gaillardetz, Andrew Viragh, Jennifer Hoffman, John Gozdziwski, Justin Lorenz, Clare Bass, Diane Gozdziwski

Absent: Fr. Jack, Mary Ward, Marcia Koester, Melanie Ernst, Mariah Byrne

Dyad Check-Ins (7-7:10)

Opening Prayer (Andrew)

Minutes

Minutes from August 2022 PC meeting – review and vote to approve

- Minutes approved

Old Business (7:15-7:35)

COVID-19 Update (Diane on behalf of Fr. Jack) –

- Not ready to invite people to altar
- People can do what they want during the Sign of Peace – hand sanitizer available throughout the church? Some not comfortable shaking hands
- Have wine at the 10:00 Mass – only a few people receive
- Should we do another survey of the parish concerning masking? – how many are only coming because of masking – about one or two individuals or majority – only effective if people are masked – masks are not effective on one person with unmasked – people have had covid – masking might not be as necessary – defer to medical group?
- Perhaps designate some pews for masking? Do we want more autonomy?
- Check in with medical group and with parish at large via a survey – Jack and Diane

Anti-Bias Anti-Racism - ABAR Update (Andrew)

- Drop survey – remove from Monday notes and bulletin – survey closed put thank you for responses - Diane
- 62 responses
- Work on actual response for each question – a lot of the people are positive
- Fr. Jack would like to spin off a separate ABAR committee – Justin, Andrew and Fr. Jack discuss next steps. Schedule length of time for discussion – for PC or for subgroup?

Website update (Andrew)

- We have materials, has not had time to meet with Mike. Would be helpful – comfortable exploring other platforms – at least one other person, maybe 2. He's going to kick back drafts – have three people narrow it down and then present to Parish Council. Stress that we are talking about layout and aesthetic – not content – that will happen later. Mary Ward, another person – David
- Andrew will contact the webmaker – introduce Mary and David to him. Get started with helping him build a draft

Fundraising Committee Update (Jennifer)

- Raised \$500 on Football, \$1300 for the year
- Probably can't sell Mums – scrap it and get details for Poinsettias, have it ready to sell by Thanksgiving – Andrew will work with Mary and Donna on square sales during this sale
- Jennifer will check with poinsettia grower.
- Diane ask Chabanel about the pizza sales and let Jennifer and Helen know details.
- T-shirts – Jennifer needs to get contacts from Andrew and Fr. Jack

Ministries report (Anyone)

- Book club going well, gardening going well
- Should we have a ministries fair, or some online invitational? People have mentioned that “they didn't know they could join” some ministries, such as Liturgy – invite people in Monday notes –
- Talk to Christine about brainstorming ideas about best way to raise awareness about committees – Ask different committee leaders to share their committee on different weeks
- Ask questions in back of church or coffee and donuts –
- pick a week – Google doc for leaders to sign up – Announcements at announcement time.

New Business (7:35-8:10)

Parish assembly (Diane on behalf of Fr. Jack)

- We should have one in October, prior to listening sessions in November
- Parish Council should organize and run it
- Can use Fr. Jack's questions, or organize a different way
- Possible dates : Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30 (not Oct. 9 – Maggie can't set up lunch that day)
- Opportunity to get parish together is good – pretty optimistic – do not be negative – not sure it's beneficial to plan for the worst – we are not in control – if somethings happens – then we decide as a community how we move forward for that. – Don't come together to complain – What we are going to do if we are told Cronan's no longer exists. – need to wait to see what happens, then meet.
- Parish council take this on – but have other parishioners chair it or participate in the execution or planning of it.
- Could the committee for ATN lead this with PC support ?
- The community would come out of this feeling closer to each other – cohesive response we can present and all of us can speak to. We have our own constructive experience. In the process of listening to ourselves – may be doing anticipatory grief as well.
- We need to include the rest of the group that can't be here – do a call next week to discuss and flesh this out – send an email and get other ones available
- Andrew would be comfortable with facilitating – get on a call in the next 7 days – to get things done.
- Erin will send a google for when people are available to help plan
- Try to get some other people involved so it isn't just young folk

"Black Madonna" picture or statue, per Fr. Gerry's suggestion (Diane)

- We have the funds for a statue – were going to put it in the garden
- We could obtain a picture to be hung in church – we have Guadalupe
- Add this to the ABAR committee – historically accurate – help sift through what this means

Council hospitality dinner/breakfast in September (Donna) – SVdP is in October – Assembly will be in October – we will have a luncheon

Diane's Report (8:10-8:20)

"Prevent and Protect" info

- In the process of having the parents and teachers up to date
- If you did it once, you are good
- If anyone would like to check their status, or register, contact me and I will send you information

Pax Christi - Bread Not Stones

- Campaign to decrease military budgets to increase food for the hungry
- September 19-26
- Can participate anywhere from obtaining a prayer card (ordered) in Church to prayer services, to actions – is there interest ? start with prayer card

Outreach – parishes that are inclusive to LBGTQIA+, organized by Fr. James Martin – Donna will do a draft and email it to everyone to edit.

PrideFest is September 24-25 – sign up is on Cronantalk and in Church – please sign up.

Any other report items from Fr. Jack or Mary - none

Task-Keeper Report (Jennifer)

Closing Prayer (Erin)

Next Meeting: October 5th, 2022 @ 7pm

Secretary = Mariah; Task-Keeper = Erin

Opening Prayer = David; Closing Prayer = Justin