

St. Bridget Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 2010

Call to order was made by President Andrea McCormick at 7:05.

The opening prayer was led by Doug Landy.

In Attendance were Fr. Francis Fador, Deacon Stephen Beecher, Marnell Stover, Gerry Cunningham, Andrea McCormick, Mark Hampson, Mary Ellen Harmon, Rosemarie Frick, Pat Conroy, Rick Stover, Audrey Cunningham, Louise Riley, Pat Beecher, Rose Frith, Doug Landy.

With no corrections, additions, or changes, a motion was made by Pat Conroy to accept the April minutes as written, seconded by Rosemarie. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Religious Education- Marnell informed us that on April 30th seven students received the sacrament of Reconciliation, on May 2nd seven students received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, on May 9th religious Education students will be participating in the mass and honoring Mary in honor of Mother's Day, on May 23rd the confirmation students will be involved in the mass for Pentecost Sunday, on June 19th a confirmation retreat will

be held at St. Bridget, and on June 23rd the religious Education students will be helping to beautify the cemetery.

Liturgy- Rosemarie reported that the church and its hall were cleaned and beautified for mass for the First Communion group.

Planning & Development- Pat Conroy said that the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church nave is closer to being decided. She reminded us that there will be a speaker at the Cornwall Historical Society on May 15th and a second speaker on May 22nd.

Hospitality- Audrey counted approximately 50 people who attended the breakfast which was held after the First Communion mass. She thanked all who helped make it a success, especially the confirmation students. A new schedule of happenings was given to all who attended mass and is available in the vestibule.

Spiritual Life- no report

Deacon Stephen has spoken to Fr. Bob Moriarity about forming small Christian Communities. Deacon Stephen will start by asking some people from both churches to meet with him.

Communication- no report

Social Action- Louise confirmed that a speaker from Women's Support Services and another from the Susan B. Anthony Project will coordinate to present information during the Coffee and scheduled for June 6th. The topics will be school anti-bullying education, domestic violence, sexual assault, and services offered by each agency.

Notices will be in the Lakeville Journal and the Cornwall Chronicle as well flyers posted in local libraries and post offices. Louise attended a JustFaith talk on May 5th about parishes becoming social activists. The information is available for any interested person. The next SAC meeting will be on May 12th.

Pastor's Report- Fr. Francis wanted to complement everyone for the way the church, grounds, and all look, and for the way that everyone is working together in all areas. The work and effort is being noticed by community members.

Finance Report- Rick stated that the Finance Council had met on April 29th to discuss the list of improvements. The council reviewed the Planning & Development Committee's report about the repair of the stained glass windows in the church. The council unanimously accepted the recommendation of Planning & Development to select Glass Source of Shelton, CT to restore the windows. This will be approached one window at a time, once funding or a pledge has been secured. It will be approximately \$4,100 per window in the church nave. An engraved brass plate will be placed below the window to acknowledge the sponsor of the window restoration. The council agreed that the repair of the sidewalk should be the next priority for both safety and aesthetic reasons. Gerry will obtain estimates for this project. A summary of the financial statements was given to all PC members.

New Business:

Mel read to all a card sent by the Rileysthanking everyone for their expressions of sympathy and for the mass in memory of Jack Riley, Sr.

Discussion occurred about forming a new committee which would take care of maintaining the grounds and the cleaning of the church. Gerry has volunteered to head this committee and suggested it be called Building & Grounds Maintenance Committee. All are in agreement of its necessity.

Old Business: Mark has heard from approximately 60 people who will attend the Meet & Greet at the Cornwall Inn on May 7th.

Closing prayer was led by Mark.

The next PC meeting will be on Thursday, June 3, 2010.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat B., seconded by Doug. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mel Harmon