

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY PORTLAND, CT

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Father Paul.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was said by Fr. Paul.

There were no minutes to review from previous meeting.

MEMBERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Fr. Paul Boudreau	Anna Foreman	Laura Burgess	Courtney Spencer
Maria McClellan	Joanne Choquette	Roselani Ferguson	
Deacon Dana Garry	Terry Thompson	Katherine Hunter	
David Berthume	Phyllis Glinski		

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURY: Update given by Father Paul.

- \$240,000 Window replacement project complete.
- AC for Administrative office – window unit should be sufficient due to new windows energy efficiency.
- Lined up for kitchen redo – down the road.

LADIES GUILD:

- May – rosary program.
- June – installation of officers
- Closing for July and August

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- A Director of Religious Education is now in place. She has 17+ years of experience. Roselani is retiring on June 30th.

YOUTH GROUP:

- Last Teen mass is at the Parish Picnic on June 12th at the YMCA
- June meeting for activities planning.
- Discussion about getting representation of the youth group for our council meeting.

WEB-SITE UPDATE:

- No updates – everything running well.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Update by Courtney Spencer

- Meeting in June
- There are three branches: phone calls, rides and meals. It has been agreed that this is going to change to just meals going forward.

RECTORY COMMITTEE:

- No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need to Elect New Officers:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
- Minutes need to go online on the parish website.
- Discussion around a questionnaire to be handed out at church or put in the bulletin for suggestions to the Parish Council. Laura and Anna were going to take a stab at the questionnaire. It was discussed about possibly using Survey Monkey as an online tool for the same data. Katherine Hunter to assess.
- Discussed possible Coffee Hour run by members of the Council to meet and interact with parishioners. Target in September.
- Future meetings will be held in the Library as 6:30pm on the following dates:
 - September 6th
 - November 15th
 - January 10th
 - March 7th
 - May 9th

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Motion to close the meeting at 7:33pm by Maria McClellan and seconded by Terri Thompson.

Respectfully submitted:

Maria McClellan