

**Infant of Prague Parish Council
Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021**

Opening - Faith Formation

The meeting was called to order by Mary Montero at 7:00 pm.
The Opening Prayer was led by Dee Garcia

Meeting Focus

Attendance –

Present:

CHURCH LEADERSHIP: - Fr. Tom Mahoney, Deacon Brian Walkowiak

OFFICERS: - Mary Montero – President, Brian Sintau – Recording Secretary, Dee Garcia – Correspondence Secretary

MEMBERS: - Camille Boczar, Mike Maute, Sue Maute, Sue Pelletterie, Tammy Spencer, Mary Hager, Renee Andrzejewski

Absent:

Excused: Fran Mackowiak, Michele Andrzejewski, Denise Garry – Vice President

Mission Statement - Read aloud by all.

Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Renee Andrzejewski and seconded by Sue Pelletterie

Correspondence - none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - *Mary Montero*

- A Review was made of the changes recommended and documented last month – after a brief discussion all in attendance were OK with the Changes as presented.
- An updated copy of the Constitution with the recommended changes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- Need group liaisons for Building and maintenance, Parish Life, Environment

Ongoing Parish Life

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: -

- Need liaison – Mike Maute will review status of Building and Maintenance with George Walsh and Rick Cummings.
- Camille Boczar asked about numbering the Doors – as previously discussed to help with first responders during an emergency.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: - Liaison - Fran Mackowiak

- Faith Formation - No new report

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE: – no liaison -

- Group not active - No meeting scheduled or taking place at present. Sue Pelletterie – will speak with some of the members of this group.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: - Liaison - Mike Maute

- No meeting since February – no new report
- Parish Pence question. – Local groups Generally the target of this Aid. –
 - Fr, Tom Mahoney Clarified need for a weekly collection for the Parish Pence choice. Will try to set up this collection for second week of May. Will bring up during next Mass and arrange to have this listed in the next weeks IOP Bulletin.
 - First Parrish Pence group is “Peace Prints of WNY”

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: -

- a. Respect Life – Liaison = Mary Hager
 - No Report
- b. Ladies of Charity - Liaison = Renee Andrzejewski
 - Renee stated she is working to get meetings started up again.
- c. Altar & Rosary – Liaison = Renee Andrzejewski
 - No report - no meeting scheduled.
- d. Friends of Night People - Liaison = Denise Garry
 - No report – Mary Montero will work on report for next meeting.

- e. Legion of Mary – Liaison = Sue Maute
 - Sue reported group is working to start meeting again in June.
- f. St. Vincent de Paul – Liaison = Mary Montaro
 - Looking for members –
 - Mary Reported she spoke with All Brownsey about last meeting.
 1. Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month in green room. - 7 members attended last meeting.
 2. 12 parish families taken care of during easter.
 3. Rummage sale on June 18th from 12 to 4. In Green room – highway entrance will be open.
 4. St. Vincent de Paul conference has a “save our society program” – pledged 3000 of three years.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE: -

- a. Liturgy - Sue Pelletterie-
 - No new business to report.
- b. Children’s Liturgy - Fran Mackowiak
 - No report
- c. Music – Liaison -Tammy Spencer
 - No report
- d. Environment – Cathy Schultz was last Liaison.
 - Will review status with Cathy.

STEWARDSHIP and WELCOMING COMMITTEE - Camille Boczar

- a. Camille reported she reached out to two new families - Had a good conversation with both.

REPORTS FROM AD HOC COMMITTEES

Vicariate – Brian Sintau. - Next meeting in September

Special Events Committee -

- Reception for Father Johnson – Paster reported that a caterer (Vince Binder) being hired to handle food and Drink – June 6th at 10:30 reception to follow.
 - Volunteers needed to help for this event.

Formed – Camille Boczar

- No new activity is needed for this effort. - Camile suggested to drop from list of committees.

PASTORS REPORT

- 90% of goal for catholic charities has been reached.
- Effort to Amend 4th quarter payroll report complete. Parish will get re-imbusement check from the IRS.
- Volunteers needed to help plant new flowers the Statue of Mary located near courtyard. It was recommended that Silvia woods be contacted for recommendations on types and arrangement of flowers.
- Holy week was well – attendance was good and easter day was very well attended but not too crowded.
- Fr. Tom Announced that he was officially appointed the Pastor of IOP Parish, term started April 8th – 6 years.
- Bishops looking to start a return to normalcy - reinstate obligation for weekly Mass.
- Talk of Bankruptcy –
 - All parishes conjoined with diocese bankruptcy –
 - Meeting in august to review status.
- Changes to bulletin – because of the change in publisher- changes to the weekly IOP Bulletin should be in place over next couple of weeks.
- Fr. Tom expressed a desire to see a greater Parish use of “Formed” in the future. – great website and great program.

VOICE OF THE PARISH

- Father Mike Johnson's 1st Mass will be on June 6th @ 10:30 am – Reception to follow.
- Outdoor mass – no report yet on status.
- Discussion on increase of attendance at masses. Good to see regulars return to mass.
- Bingo’s status was raised – Fr Tom Mohoney stated that it is up in the air due to no clear status of Health and Safety rules, however, future requirements for distancing and Air Quality standards will make a return difficult.
- Lawn Fate – multiple steps put in place – awaiting Health and Safety rules on these types of events
 - Setting up of Kid’s Rides and a Chicken Dinner discussed. Could move on these even if other Mainstays of this event are not possible.
 - Looking into status of queen of Heaven lawn fate that normally starts the season as a measure of possible options.
 - 5 K race status was brought up - looking into status.

7. **Closing Prayer** - led by – Mary Hagar – noted upbeat tenor of meeting before prayer.

8. **Adjournment**- 7:47pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
Henessey Hall Gym - 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Sintau, Recording Secretary