

Parish Council Minutes 9/13/23

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Review and Vote on September Minutes**
3. **Parish Identity**
4. **In attendance:** Fr. Wayne Belschner, Fr. Dominic Ngo, Deacon Kelley McCormick, Nancy McCormick, Elizabeth Healy, Dolores Johnson, Elizabeth DeRosa, Monet Souza, Olivia Dooley, Ricardo Gonzalez, Bill Killion, Bill Rosa, Kathy Reda, Ann Stano, Maria Brown, Marissa Schneider
 - a. **Life Teen**
 - i. Matthew Marquet has taken the position as Youth Minister.
 - ii. LifeTeen content will have both social and academic components; whereby two weeks of the month will have a social focus and the other two weeks will have an academic focus.
 - iii. Pizza & Prayer meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00PM.
 - iv. Olympics will be held October 22nd at Memorial Field and will incorporate both LifeTeen and ROC.
 - b. **Pastoral**
 - i. Elizabeth Healy is now working three days per week.
 - ii. The Gospel Study continues to meet weekly and has a very devoted following.
 - iii. The Book Club meets once per month.
 - iv. Thursday's with Mary meets once per month.
 - c. **Seniors**
 - i. The senior luncheons continue and generate a good-size crowd.
 - ii. Mass at the Linden is once per month, sometimes twice a month. Ricardo goes twice a month, as well.
 - iii. The *Friend to Friend* group meets once a month for note writing. There's approximately eight women who meet in the parish center.
 - d. **Young Adults**
 - i. Because of seven marriages and one of the young adults leaving for seminary, the numbers are down - not a bad problem to have. The group meets every Tuesday evening for Mass, Rosary and discussion. At the end of each month a social is planned.
 - e. **Men & Women's Groups**
 - i. The men's group continues to meet one Friday per month with the ages ranging from 21 to 88.
 - ii. The Women's group meets in the rectory and plans are being made to visit the Fr. Peyton Center in Easton.

f. Connected in Christ

A dinner & Trivia night to be held at Conrad's Restaurant in Norwood is scheduled for September 29th.

g. Parish Cemetery

- i. Several trees have been removed as well as huge piles of dirt. The City of Boston will be planting new trees.

h. Religious Education

i. K-5

- 1. To date there are 124 students who have registered and approximately 17 people who have volunteered to teach.
- 2. K-5 Parent meeting to be held on September 17th, Orientation/Safe Environment on September 24th.
- 3. Session 1 begins on October 1st.
- 4. First Holy Communion Masses will be held on May 11th

ii. EDGE

- 1. To date there are 40 to 50 students who have registered. The class meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30. The format will consist of two weeks of content followed by two weeks of activities.

iii. ROC

- 1. Currently, there are 35 students who have registered; this number is expected to rise significantly.
- 2. Classes for ROC now meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings with a CORE member to teach on each of the consecutive nights.
- 3. Classes start September 24th
- 4. On Sunday, September 24th there will be a celebration for our 26th LifeTeen anniversary, for both ROC and LifeTeen. We will start with Mass and dinner will follow in the Life House.

5. Collaborative Update

a. Pastoral Plan

- i. Kathy Reda is contacting the Dedham Food Pantry and will coordinate people from different ministries to staff/volunteer once a month at the pantry.
- ii. Other Items in the Pastoral plan are being developed and will be implemented soon.

6. New Family Activities

- i. A plan is in place to help coordinate Meals on Wheels for the people who live on O'Neil Drive.
- ii. A Halloween Stroll will take place at the end of October
- iii. Looking into helping at the Food Pantry

- iv. The Children's library will open on September 30th. So far, 1,100 books have been donated and cataloged with more to come from the Pauline sisters. Also, on the same day a Children's clothes exchange will take place.

7. Cheverus Award Recipient

Fr. Wayne is taking nominations for one recipient for the award. Please forward him your nomination as soon as possible.

8. SMA Benefit

We will be buying a table to support the SMA Fathers Benefit Gala

9. Christmas Bazaar

The date for the Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 2nd.

10. Closing

11. Dismissal