

## **St. Leo Parish Advisory Council Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

Present: Father Grosso, Christine Green, Judy Sarnelle, Charlene Heffernan, Eileen Towne, Joe Baranowski, Raffaella Iovieno, Mike Nicholson, Mike Carlon, Ann Hogan, Marie Cordeiro, John Kennedy, Brenda Jegier, Gail Hofmann, Chip Howe and Lisa Musilli.

Mike Nicholson called the meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Fr. Grosso opened with a prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted unanimously.

### Pastor's Comments

- Father Grosso reminded all that the annual Mardi Gras celebration has been changed and now will be a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner (St. Leo style!) The event will be on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, with a lower ticket cost to hopefully attract more families to the event - all are excited about the change.
- The wedding anniversary Mass and luncheon for the twelve anniversary couples was truly a lovely day – thanks to all who made it so special!

### Reports

#### Committee Reports

##### *Youth Group*

- Quiet month – no report

##### *Seniors*

- Membership stands at an excellent 140 with 1-2 new members every month – the group is very popular in Stamford due to its congenial atmosphere and the breadth of activities offered (as well as the great trips).
- Irish soda bread sales will be in March – this is the groups only fundraiser so please be generous! The March meeting will be the corn beef luncheon
- The April meeting will welcome a representative from Cobb's Bread and in May members will enjoy a pictorial presentation regarding the history of Stamford and a trip to the Sicilian Tenors at Aqua Turf is also planned
- General meeting Tuesday, February 19 – please where red!

##### *Social Concerns*

- Brenda and Gail are now concentrating on the clothing drive – March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 1pm. They will be paying particular attention this year to the volume of clothes and where the clothes are delivered. Although they are happy with Catholic Charities of Patterson, NJ, they are looking into other sites more local sites, but it is difficult because of the large amount of clothing St. Leo collects – only certain places will accept that many clothes.
- The Spring food drive will begin the weekend of 3/16-3/17 with donations returned the following weekend.

- Social Concerns will be posting their calendar on the Bulletin Board across from the Religious Education office as well as having a table during the March coffee hour to recruit new members. “Part time commitment – full-time rewards”

### Ex Officio Reports

#### *Religious Education*

- First Communion will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am for 33 children – very nice group of families this year. First Reconciliation will be Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- All classes are going along well
- Eighth graders busy with their community service requirements such as helping prepare for the food drive, etc.
- A family winter bingo evening is in discussion
- Eileen led the council in a discussion of the requirements parishes have for baptism as well as the reception of other sacraments – unfortunately ‘parish shopping’ has become a very common thing.

#### *Music Ministry*

- Calm before the busy Lent/Easter season with all the choirs continuing their normal busy schedule

### New Business and Miscellany

Denise updated the council on the introduction of the new Liturgical Norms sent down from the diocese. All EHMHC and lectors are asked to do one on-line session as well as one face-to-face session here at St. Leo on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and urged people to sign up. The norms have also been distributed to all ministers to look over.

Father Grosso will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, May 19 with a Mass at noon followed by a reception in the Parish Hall – all are invited and welcome.

Mike Nicholson led the group in a discussion/review of the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with Bishop Caggiano regarding the ‘We Stand with Christ’ fundraising campaign. Those who attended said that the presentation went very well, and Bishop was very open and forthcoming regarding all aspects of the administration of the campaign funds.

The March meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Fr. Grosso led the council in a concluding prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Green  
Council Secretary