

Parish Council Minutes January 14, 2015

Attending: Fr. John, Marguerite Andersen, Vincenza Chapin, Rich Sieminski, Luzmarina Lalli, Mary Kay Greiner, Marypat Hughes, Isabel Oramas,

Unable to Attend: Fr. Praxid, Bridget DeCoursey, Robert Altomare, and Kevin Richards

1. Opening Prayer: This was led by Fr. John
2. Meeting Minutes: The previous month were approved by all in attendance.
3. Giving Tree: A total of 1,000 tags were placed on the Christmas trees in both churches this year. The total number of tags left on the trees amounted to 30. The total number of organizations participating in the event was 14. Maryknoll Sisters were added to the donation list this year. Kevin Richards, our Director of Religious Education, played a big part in making this year's project a success. He sent out blast e-mails to CCD students, parents and volunteers. We received thank you notes from the Ossining Food Pantry and St. Peter's Children Center. A total of 20 volunteers (youths/adults) participated in the drive this year by sorting and delivering the gifts.
4. Flower Power Fundraiser: A total of \$ 850.50 was raised. The next fundraiser will start just before Lent which starts 2/18/16.
5. Parish Club Christmas Celebration: The Parish Club Pot Luck Luncheon took place in the lower church on 12/16/15. About 25 people attended. Participants stated the date and time coincided nicely with the holiday season (not too close to Christmas Day) and that all found it a successful event
6. Parish Website: Bob Altomare will be posting the Daily and Holy Day Mass times. The Parish Council picture on the site needs to be updated due to a change in council members.
7. Activities of Cluster Parishes: The following are suggested events that could include our fellow cluster parishes: Men's Group, Loaves and Fishes, Midnight Run, Weekend Bible Study, Prison Retreats and Cornerstone. Some of our cluster parishes already have some of these activities taking place. It was also suggested to have a fundraiser or dance.
8. Easter Preparations: Lent starts on 2/18/15. Some activities include: Bible Study starting on 1/22/15 in the Lower Church, Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Daily Reading/Meditation booklets for the Lenten season. Information on the events taking place at Maryknoll will also be publicized.

9. Spring Pot Luck Dinner: The tentative date is two weeks after Easter Sunday (4/24/15) and will start at 6:30 p.m. A separate committee will coordinate and publicize it. Various parish groups/committees will receive e-mails so information can be shared as well. It will be advertised as a family event.

10. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Fr. John.