

Saint Gregory the Great
Danbury Ct
Parish Council Minutes May 18, 2009

Present; Fr.Arrando; Janice Rudisill; Stephanie Martin; E. Smythe; Peggy Forster; Suzanne Wilcox; Peter Buzaid;

Absent: Drew Miller, Karen Conover

Opening prayer was offered by Father

Audit Report

The Diocesan audit report and response was discussed so all could understand the issues and resolutions. Copies of the confidential report were made available to those who wanted them. The conclusion was that overall the issues identified by the auditors were resolved by the time the report was provided. In large part the use of the ParishSoft software to manage the accounts will implement the procedures required by the auditors.

Weekly Budget Reporting

The weekly collection/budget report that appears in the bulletin was discussed and an action was taken to clarify the computations of the amounts and the process by which changes to the budgeted amount would be made.

50th Anniversary celebration:

Dinner Dance: A \$500 deposit was made for the Amber Room for the event to be held Oct 15, 2010.

50th Anniversary Monument

Some designs were located that would cost about \$8000. They will take about 2-6 months advance notice to produce. We will wait until we have a better idea of our financial position before committing to a design.

Refurbishment

A quote for the painting of the interior has been received in the amount of \$27,500. A suggestion was made to organize a parish effort like the one that successfully painted the exterior.

The experimental painting to cover the dark stripes seems to be working leading to the conclusion that the stripes are not mold and that a paint solution is all that is needed. Further there is a need to solve the water seepage that happens in the tower in a strong rainstorm prior to doing the painting.

An estimate for the flooring has not yet been acquired; we will wait until the seepage is understood.

Picture Book

This is settled as Denis Bouffard will be the photographer for the Parish Directory.

Bishop's Appeal

The in-pew appeal was conducted the weekend of May 16/17.

New Priests

Father Thampi Kayala of India has arrived. Father "Tony" will be here for the summer.

Confirmation

Dates in October were requested of the Diocese and we are awaiting their response.

Festival

The Medieval Festival was held the weekend of May 16/17. Preliminary results looked good. Our agreement with them calls for two more years.

Parish Picnic

August 29/30 is being considered for the date.

Carnival

Wednesday July 15 to Saturday July 18 will be the dates for the Carnival. There was some discussion about extending it to Sunday the 19th.

Ministry reports

Faith Formation

Peggy reported that student count is down and wondered if this is city wide or just us. There were no ready answers.

Spiritual Life

Suzanne took her "Gathering of Women" retreat to Our Lady of the lake Church in New Milford and had a very good experience.

"God at Work in Our Lives," continues to meet.

Christian Services

Stephanie reported that the Prayer Shawl program is now making Baptismal keepsakes.

Minutes of Mar 23, 2009 meeting were approved.

The next meetings of the full council this year are September 28, and November 16. The executive council will meet September 14, and November 2.