

**St. Christopher and St. Patrick Church  
Parish Council Meeting - Minutes for 2/21/19**

<b>Attendees:</b>		
Bob Hemsing (President) (Trustee)	Frank Streng (Secretary)	Rev. George Oonnoony (Pastor)
Margaret McKeon (Trustee)	Dan Keon (Finance Chair)	Thomas Daly
Jane Reichard	Lisa Quist	Rosa Sanmartin
Luis Pasato	Selina Mendoro	Lisa Quist
Bernard Vaughey		

1. **Minutes of Prior Meeting of 1/10/19.** We approved our minutes, with corrections, from our prior meeting of 1/10/19.
2. **Blood Drive.** The blood drive will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign up sheets will be place at the church.
3. **Father Rijo.** There is a good possibility that Father Rijo will become a new parish priest, but he needs to get a work permit. Stay tuned.
4. **St. Patrick's Dinner.** The annual dinner will take place March 10<sup>th</sup> .at our Lady of Carmel. Details to follow.
5. **Status of Financial Claim against the School District.** Bob Hemsing provided an update: we are still waiting for HHSD to act. The meeting of HHSD to consider our claim will take place in a working session on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Swap with the Town of Cortlandt for Use of St. Patrick's and New Parking Lot.** Frank Streng gave us an update, and we had a discussion. Frank described the different legal processes, and the agreement to go forward.
7. **Renew and Build.** We have pledges of approximately \$361,000. So far, we have received two distributions from the Archdiocese, to the extent of \$66,000. We have already started using the funds: (a) bathroom in the crying room (already done); (b) bell tower at St. Patrick's (already done); and (c) fire alarm at St. Patrick's. The big projects to come: new road at St. Patrick's Cemetery; and entrance/patio to St. Christopher's Church. We also discussed some other issues at the side entrance to St. Christopher's.
8. **Reports of Parish Committees.**
  - a. **Spanish Ministry.** Rosa Sanmartin gave us a report as to various issues in the Spanish community including having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. March 6<sup>th</sup> Mass will be the Ash Wednesday. Bingo shall take place on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a 50/50

raffle. Rosa also mentioned that Bible Study takes place 7:45 pm every Monday beginning March 11<sup>th</sup>.

- b. Lectors. Bob Hemsing gave us a report. Larry Hassel will be out of commission until at least April 1<sup>st</sup>. in view of his recent hip surgery.
  - c. Religious Education & Youth Ministry. Lisa gave us a report. There are numerous workshops, including a Youth RCIA with training by Deacon Rob. Deacon Rob is working with new altar servers. First Holy Communion will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>. March 30<sup>th</sup> is first reconciliation. Ash Wednesday workshop will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> after the 6 pm mass. March 31<sup>st</sup> is our blood drive, organized by Lisa's daughter and a friend of her daughter. Lisa also discussed the "Love God's Babies Campaign", seeking contributions to be deposited in a playpen. CCD kids, needing "service", will volunteer for the St. Patrick's Dinner.
  - d. Facilities Report. Bob Hemsing gave us a report on the status on all facilities. Bob also mentioned that there was some emergency plumbing work done in Father Matt's former room. Frank Streng complimented Bob Hemsing on the cross stone work done at St. Christopher's. Bob also discussed scheduling for a small rental for a SAT program.
9. **Finances**. Dan Keon gave us a report, and distributed a statement for the period ending 1/31/19. Dan discussed different issues as to his report, including a discussion of various expenses. Dan also discussed the continuing problem of the need to increase our weekly collections, and how we have a continuing deficit in which expenses exceed regular income. Dan also discussed various items described on the assets and liabilities on the statement. Bob Hemsing also discussed different issues on the Geist property, including possible oil leakages. Bob also discussed offers that have been made.
10. **Mt. Carmel Food Pantry**. Jane Reichard gave a report as to the food pantry, but noted that, in the food pantry, sometimes garbage is put in the bins. We want to do what we can to discourage garbage being put in the bins. The next delivery will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
11. **New Business**.
- a. Trip to Lancaster PA. Bob Hemsing talked about plans for a trip to Lancaster, PA (Amish Country) for a theatrical program put on by Sight and Sound. The upcoming show is called Jesus. We are thinking about a plan and program for April 9<sup>th</sup>, just before Easter (4/21). The plan would be to do this during the week. We would rent a bus, and also make dinner plans. We had a discussion about options, including an overnight stay. We decided to do a one day program, and we will advertise the option in the bulletin and seek attendees.

- b. Boy Scouts. Bob Hemsing mentioned that we are putting in the bulletin the work of our boy scouts. Bob encourages people to put other information on other groups in the bulletin.
12. Adjournment. Father George did a closing prayer. We adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm. Our next meeting shall be on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,

Frank Streng, Secretary