

CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 RM.256 6PM

ATTENDANCE: Dean DiFrancesco, Sherry Litzgus, Josie Stevens, Daniela Giannini, Nancy Centritto, Franca Bonomo, Nadia Palchuk, Carla Passaretti, Lina Marchionda, Raffaella Giannini, Bill Van Den Eenden

REGRETS: Carmen Condo, Luisa Conti, Karen Galvin, Elizabeth Lukezic, Tracey Ogilvie

PRAYER: led by Franca Bonomo. Let us pray for those who have passed away in our community. Deacon Carmelo's wife Rosi Campanella from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and also a retired long time teacher of Cardinal Newman , Carol Monaco.

Nadia Palchuk introduced and led a Christian mediation

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES: Nancy Centritto, Lina Marchionda

PARISH REPORT:

IMMACUALTE HEART OF MARY

- Right to Life baby bottle campaign from May 13-June 17.
- De Mazenod door accepting monthly monetary donations, looking for help cooking a second time/month.
- Life in the Spirit Seminar on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm until May 31, 2018
- If interested in volunteering for youth group: email Billie Filice at ihmyouth@cogeco.net
- Garden committee looking for tools/help in the gardens
- Pierogi dinner, sponsored by K of C on Thursday, May 24 3-7pm, eat in or takeout
- June 10, 2018 K of C golf tournament at Southbrook, cost \$120.00
- FORMED Café starts on May 28, in the mornings for 6 weeks

See bulletin/website for all details

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Milk Bag Project – Thank you to the many ladies and students from Cardinal Newman who came out this year to help make mats out of milk bags. We will be sending 50 mats and 50 pillows to Canadian Food for Children organization to deliver to Third World Countries. New sessions will begin again in September.

Capital Draw Raffle was held on Mother's Day, congratulations to the winners. We raised \$7260 towards our renovation debt.

On Sunday May 20th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving up a deluxe pancake breakfast following morning Masses. Don't miss out on some great food!

Porchetta weekend is coming!! Following ALL Masses Porchetta will be offered with take-out purchase only, for \$5 per bun. Food will be served from the Narthex and Chapel Hall and will be prepackaged. Don't miss out.

Bingo night returns Saturday June 9th at 7PM. Further details will be made available in the church bulletin.

Knights of Columbus garage sale will be held June 2nd with a rain date of June 9th. Call the office if you are interested in renting a personal spot.

At this time, I would like to thank Mr. Di Francesco and Franca for giving me the opportunity to serve as Parish Rep for St. Francis Xavier Parish, but I think its time I stepped aside to allow someone else to report on parish life. We are all stewards of God and must look to the future with open hearts and minds. Be loving and caring to others, don't judge and above all serve your parish. Without it we all lose.

God bless and have a wonderful summer!

Submitted by Luisa Conti , Read by Franca Bonomo

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- Graduation on June 4: committee finalizing numbers for VIP seating for parent council members, only 2 seats, see Mr.Allega at the door of the ceremony
- School growth discussions: there is a small increase for next year. Hoping to have an addition for staff, possibly 1-2 teachers. Waiting is due to condition of surplus teacher would trump an opening for a new position. The next

several weeks re intense with movements, including retirements, promotions and transfers

- 5 teachers have begun piloting an online attendance system. Can utilize cell phones, computers: marking absent or late students. Idea: instant notifications to parents/guardians, possibly even by text message. St.Mary's has piloted and are using the system
- Mr.DiFrancesco thanked Nadia Palchuk who organized/supervised March for Life in Ottawa last week: says would go again, was a great experience
- Commented on an initiative by Mrs. Centritto the Religious Department head: student voice initiative, STARS 'students as researchers'. Students are taking a survey of 100 random kids and asking questions from a student's perspective. Last week preliminary results were presented to the Ministry and Principals. Ministry is pushing student voice initiatives, it's a student led project, will work on it more in the fall to survey more kids

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No changes received. Total in account is \$941.45

- Laura Millar Award, \$100 has been withdrawn
- DJ for graduation, \$200 has been committed
- Yearbook, \$100 has been committed
- Mass card (Avolio), \$10 – still outstanding

TEACHER'S REPORT:

- Ottawa, March for Life was good! It was a small group, but the conference was great

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- PRO GRANT: Carmen has filled out the application, was circulated for review by council. Franca asked for suggestions of speakers to be emailed to her. Dean will need info of speaker and submit to the board for approval. Check out ideas on the Panel Based Forum website.

- Smiles for Kids (Lina) was a success, raised \$2300.00. Emailed received from Nancy at MUMC 3F oncology/hematology clinic. Fundraising efforts in total for the past 4 years is \$8500.00

- ECO team did a great job cleaning up the school grounds, a noticeable improvement

- EWASTE to be arranged for the fall, dates to be picked. Dean not able to finalize until the end of June.

Adjournment of meeting at 7:05pm

NEXT MEETING IS THE SOCIAL , WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT 6:00PM

note date change