

Sts. Peter & Paul & Assumption Parish of Staten Island

Parish Council Open Parish Meeting 3/28/2019

March 28, 2019 / Cohalan Hall 7:30PM - 9:00PM / Next meeting:TBD

Minutes by John Grieme

ATTENDEES

Fr Michael Cichon, Pastor, Fr. Matthew Takyi-Asante, Parochial Vicar, Janet Kelly, Parish Manager, Jennifer Olivera - Principal St. Peter - St. Paul School, Rosanna Forlano - Vice Principal St. Peter's Boys High School, Magdalena Centeno, Religious Education Coordinator and Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry, Timothy Schmidt - Director - St. Peter's Cemetery, John Gustafsson, representative of Building and Grounds Committee.

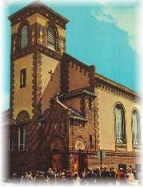
8 Parishioners attended.

Fr. Michael started the meeting with a prayer.

Overview

- Each member on the dais presented a brief explanation of their current projects and and status then responded to questions from the audience.
- The meeting began at approximately 7:30PM and ended just before 9:00PM.

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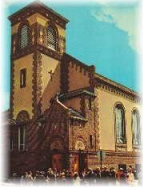


Topics of discussion

- **Cemetery**
 - The cemetery has had approximately 200 burials between January and March 2019.
 - Work is completed on the Gabion Wall allowing us to use more graves.
 - The cemetery requests that visitors do NOT place rocks on the headstones. The rocks have been coming off and getting trapped between the headstone and the foundation, causing damage to the headstone.

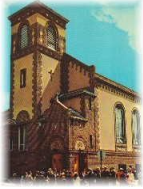
- **Projects**
 - Contractors and engineers are continuing to assess damage to the sidewalk and associated walls of St. Peter's church on Carroll Place. Test borings have been done and the project is considered to have urgent status.
 - There is also a project underway to replace the sidewalks and fence columns on the St. Marks side.
 - A fire sprinkler pipe is being replaced in the Grammar school.
 - St. Peter's High School is having the AstroTurf replaced after outliving the recommended lifetime. It is considered dangerous.

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- There's a leak in St. Peter's sacristy which is being investigated but no cause has been found.
- The Brothers' residence at the High School has 3 parts: Replace the roof, replace the furnace, and replace windows. The first and second of these have been completed, the windows are in progress.
- Grammar School
 - Registration appears to be similar to last year for 2020
 - Some students went to the High School and participated in a dissection of a squid. This was a first step toward future interaction between the schools, and students from both schools enjoyed and learned from the experience.
- High School
 - Concur that the dissection was a success, the boys seemed very protective of the grammar school students.
 - There are several events coming up, a play and concert. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Catechetical Center and RCIA
 - We have a larger number of First Communicants, Confirmations, and bible study participants than in the recent past. This is likely attributable to word getting out about our programs.
- Parish Overview (Janet)

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- **Water bills.** Due to a change, several properties are not receiving exemptions from water bills anymore. Janet is investigating a solution.
- **Parishioners** are asked to extend themselves and donate their time to help events the parish holds as well as attend those same events.

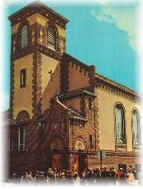
- **Father Matthew**
 - **Father** is working with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the homebound. He is willing to go with the minister and offer the sacrament of Penance to them during Lent.

- **Father Michael**
 - **We** discussed how we are one parish community comprised of all the different parts. There needs to be more interaction between the areas for the good of our parish.

We briefly discussed the Assumption Church Centennial Anniversary meeting held the prior evening. Topics included how to pay for the picnic and other expenses.

Father Matthew led us in a closing prayer.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. **Schedule next meeting**