

**St. Padre Pio Parish Council Minutes
St. John and St. Mark Churches
March 5, 2020**

Present

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| Fr. Greg, Pastor | Mother Elaine |
| Juliana Fabrizi | Archangela Claffey |
| Sally Huysman | Chris Bazinet |
| Maureen Hayes | Caroline Carroll |
| Rudy Raffone | Santiago Pacheco-O'Donnell |
| Art Corda | Marybeth Gedney |

Absent

Tom Coffey
Karen Pasiuk

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Greg.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of February 2020 meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Rudy. Motion was approved.

CURRENT BUSINESS

**St. Patrick Feast Celebration
March 15, 2020, 1:00-4:00 pm.**

Ticket sales for the event are not going well. Question arose as to whether to hold the event if sales remain low. Father Greg will make a decision on Monday; must inform the caterer on Wednesday on the number of meals. Members will sell tickets in the front of the churches this coming weekend, March 7 and 8.

Mother Elaine inquired about the size and number of post-it notes needed; 1 set per table for 20 tables, standard square size.

Set-up will take place on Saturday, March 14 at 5:00. Help will be appreciated.

Ministry Fair

We will pick 3 or 4 ministries to present from the pulpit after masses, probably in September. One week for each ministry, alternating between churches.

There is a need for nursing home visitors. The religious education ministry is in good shape with the merging of the 2 programs; it is the only Saturday program. Some students from St. Mark have been lost because of prior commitments, but they should return. The merger has made it easier on Fr. Greg and Fr. Martin.

NEW BUSINESS

The coronavirus has caused some anxiety. Bishop Cote will be issuing a notice next week basically stating that if you don't feel well, stay home. Fr. Greg stated that the parish is in good financial shape even if the church has to close for awhile.

The parish office has a new email address, office@saintpioct.org.

The diocese owns some small properties, with chapels. Some are without running water, and have very limited usage. As there are better properties with full services available nearby, these will be sold, raising funds and lowering liability.

Renovations to St. John's Church are making progress, new windows and re-pointing of the brick. The project to repair the windows behind the altar will take several months. Since the windows have been removed and replaced with temporary fillers, the staging should be removed soon. The windows will be reinstalled in the fall.

FTGOTC

Mother Elaine made several announcements:

- Living stations will take place on Friday, April 3.
- Shamrock run on March 14.
- Auction on May 2 at the Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$50.
- 20% of sales at Pizza Works on Tues, March 10 will be donated to St. John's school.

Ruddy stated that at some point in the ministry presentations, a mention should be made of all ministries.

Sally mentioned that Dynamic Catholic is selling books for \$1.00.

Juliana is selling Girl Scout cookies, if interested.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father Greg closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the St. John Rectory.