

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2016

I. Prayer and Welcome

Dorothy called to order the regular meeting of the Pastoral Council at 7:15pm on September 7, 2016 at Canadian Martyrs Parish.

II. Attendance and Introductions

Anthony and Rob were introduced as our new members of council and Heather was welcomed as our minute-taker.

The following persons were present: Pierre Beemans, Robert Criger, Dorothy Wood, Alex Amatoa, Fr. Jim Fiori, Anthony Carty, Margaret Moriarty, Heather Duggan, Rosemarie Hoey, and Sheila Foy-Connolly

III. Approval of agenda

Additions to the agenda:

- a) The position of secretary as an officer of council will be added to the elections. This person would take the first draft of the minutes prepared by Heather and shepherd them through the approval process, i.e. forward the minutes to the members of council, make any changes required, and prepare and send out a final version for approval by council. The secretary would also ensure that a copy of the minutes was archived in the parish records. The secretary would also continue to deal with any correspondence and, as the constitution suggests, assist in the preparation of meeting agendas which s/he could send out to council members prior to meetings.
- b) Position/function of volunteer coordinator.

The agenda was approved by Rosemarie and Alex.

IV. Retreat for Pastoral Council on September 24. - Fr. Jim

- a) Nine people will be attending and 10 will be doing the inventory.
- b) The Strength Deployment Inventory is about relationships, learning our strengths and how to use them. There is no judgement. It is simply a tool of

self-discovery. It will be helpful as we make decisions to know each other a little better. It will help us find ways to work together.

- c) Fr. Andy Boyer and Fr. John Malazdrewich will be facilitating the retreat. Fr. Andy is a classmate of Fr. Jim's and a former Provincial at OMI Lacombe. He is also a former pastor of St. Joe's. Fr. John is a former Provincial Council member, a professional facilitator and the current pastor at St. Mark's.
- d) Agenda for the day: 10am Discussion about leadership, Break, Inventory – Section 1, Lunch, Inventory – Section 2. We should be done by 3pm.
- e) Discussion on benefits/pitfalls of SDI.
 - (1) Will it help our group/leadership?
 - (2) At the end of the day we would like to be able to answer the questions: What is next? What are our goals? Now what?
 - (3) What is the main focus for each month for this council? Community?
 - (4) What can we do for the sustainability of our parish? How do we recruit others?

V. Election 2016-17

- a) Chair: Dorothy Wood was nominated by Pierre and Rosemarie and she accepted the position.
- b) Vice Chair: Robert Criger volunteered for this position and council agreed.
- c) Secretary: Anthony Carty volunteered for this position and council agreed.

VI. Time of meetings for 2016-17

Council will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Rosemarie and Alex will not be able to attend until January 2017 as they both have a conflict.

VII. Volunteer Coordinator

Pierre suggested that we ask Kaye Boone to be our informal volunteer coordinator. She knows a lot of people in the parish and is already involved with Parish Luncheons. Pierre or Sheila will talk to Kaye about this idea

VIII. Other business

Heather will put together binders for the new members of council. The binders will include minutes from last year, the Constitution, Pastoral Plan, Ministry Descriptor,

Financial Report, and Annual Report from 2016. She will also create a contact list for 2016-17.

A Doodle will be created to help decide on a Saturday morning in October to meet to discuss what we learned at the retreat.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Approved by Rosemarie and Alex.

Next meeting on October 6 at 7:15pm