

# ***Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes***

June 1, 2017

## **1. Prayer and Attendance**

Dorothy called to order the regular meeting of the Pastoral Council at 7:15pm on June 1, 2017 at Canadian Martyrs Parish.

The following persons were present: Dorothy Wood, Pierre Beemans, Fr. Jim Fiori, Heather Duggan, Jane Staples, Rosemarie Hoey, Rob Criger, Sheila Foy-Connolly, Bob Gorman, Scott Rufolo, Alex Amato, Anthony Carty and Margaret Moriarty

## **2. Approval of agenda:**

Additions: (4.6) Parish Registration and (5.0) New business: Diocesan Feast Day

Rosemarie moved that the agenda be approved. Rob seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **3. Minutes from May 4, 2017**

The minutes of May 4, 2017 were accepted electronically and sent to the Finance Committee.

## **4. Business Arising**

### **4.1. Ministry Reports**

Four reports have been received. All of the reports contain room for improvement and requests.

Scripture Study: Need an additional coordinator. Would like to draw in more people. Would like to be in communication with the Faith Formation Committee. Need to know if they have a budget.

Children's Liturgy (2 groups: younger and older children): Would like formation for the leaders. Need to purchase new books. Would like a half-day retreat for the leaders with pastor or oblate.

Music Ministry: Saturday: dependent on pianist. They are a well gelled group. Would like to attend a workshop possibly through the Diocese. McE would like to be copied on the Liturgy committee meeting minutes. Sunday: Teresa is happy with how things are going. Would like an announcement in the bulletin that they are in need of female voices.

Liturgical Environment: This committee would like to be known as the Liturgical Environment committee and not Décor. Would like an announcement in the bulletin inviting new members and inviting parishioners to bring in cut flowers from their gardens. Would like parishioners to be made aware of why the church is decorated the way it is e.g. feast days, lent. Would like smaller stable for the crèche figures and are looking for a new nativity set perhaps First Nations.

Hospitality: Pizza nights and parish luncheons are going well. Would like to distribute a small feedback survey and entice more people to pizza nights.

Group for 13-17 year olds: Pierre suggested we look into a youth group for the older youth in the parish. There is a youth ministry at the Diocesan level and someone from that ministry could be invited to talk with the parish at a Lunch and Learn in the fall. This could be discussed with Faith Formation.

**Action Item:** Visit ministries once a year and let ministries know that they have a contact person in PPC. The pastoral team, Faith Formation and Finance committees will discuss the requests from ministries. The rest of the ministries will be reported on in September.

Altar servers/presider's assistants – Anthony  
Sacramental Prep. – Anthony  
Development and Peace – Margaret  
Communications – Sheila

## **4.2. Elections**

Rosemarie, Pierre, and Alex are leaving PPC. "Elections" will proceed in the fall following the procedures that we have used in recent years. PPC members need to start thinking about people to approach as the new members will be invited to the retreat at the end of October / beginning of November.

## **4.3. From Conflict to Communion**

A meeting was held with Pastor JoAnne Lam from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and many decisions were made. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm from Sept. 25 to Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Calvary, 933 Smyth Rd, as they have the space and the parking.

Advertising: the supplied poster will be made bigger and information will be added. There will be Sept. 17 deadline for registration. Canadian Martyrs will photocopy the materials.

A co-facilitator is still needed from a Catholic parish.

A light supper will be offered of soup and bread at 6pm before the sessions. Volunteers will prepare the soup and bring the bread.

Free will offering and will also apply for funding from the Christian Council of the Capital Area.

**Action Item:** Apply for funding, find a co-facilitator, print materials, prepare text for advertising.

**4.4. Retreat:** Two new dates have been proposed for the retreat Oct. 27/28 and Nov. 10/11

**4.5. Parish Directory:** Dates for photo sessions have been set, Wed. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

**4.6. Parish Registration:** We received 15 new registrants, six requests for donation envelopes, 16 cards with new volunteers for ministries or pastoral visits.

**5. New business:** Diocesan Feast Day June 8th. At 6:45pm, there will be an event at the basilica with procession. Parishes are asked to participate by sending representatives with a parish banner. We will look for volunteers to attend.

**6. For Information: None**

**7. Communications:**

**8. Next meeting:** Sept. 7, 2017 at 7:15pm

**9. Meeting was adjourned** at 8:30pm.