

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2018

1. Prayer and Attendance

Dorothy called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:15pm on November 29, 2018.

The following persons were present: Sheila Foy-Connolly, Fr. Tim Coonen, Mary Egan, Heather Duggan, Dorothy Wood, Jane Staples, Margaret Moriarty, Scott Ruffolo, Patrick Zdunich, Bob Gorman, and Rob Criger

Regrets: Anthony Carty

2. Approval of agenda:

Rob moved and Bob seconded the approval of the agenda. Approved by all.

3. Minutes: Approved by email

4. Business Arising

4.1 New members of PPC: Jane has contacted two parishioners and both have decided to wait a year, one of these parishioners will join the pastoral care team. Angela Burton will join PPC. She is currently a member of Liturgy committee and Development and Peace.

Action item: Heather will send Angela's email to Dorothy.

4.2 Green Audit: Bob spoke with John Dorner and Stephen Collette. The expected cost for a green audit for the church is \$1750 - \$2000. Bob contacted parishes that have had a green audit done (St. Luke's, St. Genevieve, Sheng Shen). All the parishes felt that it was worthwhile and have had returns many times the cost of the audit. The green audit would establish a baseline for water, hydro, gas etc. Having a diverse group from the parish involved is beneficial, especially young people (perhaps include Immaculata students). It is a good vehicle to create morale. Cost savings would probably involve cash spending/capital outlays e.g. new furnace, weather stripping. The audit would take a day and would include things such as looking at air quality that might affect musical instruments. It was agreed to go ahead with the green audit.

4.3 Brochures:

Action item: It was agreed to contact Canada Post to have the brochures distributed in our catchment area during the Lent/Easter season 2019.

4.4 Fundraising dinner proceeds: A dishwasher will be purchased and the kitchen will have minor renovations to accommodate the dishwasher.

4.5 Retreat feedback: The retreat with Prof. Giffard was interesting and informative. There was participation by those in attendance. His advice was motivating and will also be challenging. More parishioners does not always equal more volunteers. We need to keep a balance. Dorothy agreed with

everyone's comments but offered a caution, i.e. while increasing the number of parishioners is a good thing, the community needs to guard against being self-satisfied and closed in on itself. Pope Francis seems to be less interested in the numbers of people in the pews and more in how we attract others to Christ by who we are as Christians in our every day interactions with all the people we meet.

4.6 Feedback on AGM: The reports were kept timely and brief. It was suggested that, if changes to the Constitution need to be made, this be done at the beginning of the meeting and that there be more time for questions. There was good attendance.

5. New business

5.1 Week of Prayer: Pastor JoAnne Lam (from the Lutheran church), who participated in the RC-Lutheran joint study last year, is interested in collaborating on other projects. There is a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Basil's church on Jan. 20, 2019.

Action item: PPC and the pastoral team will try to organize something in our area.

5.2 Advent Service: Martin Luther Church is having a midweek Advent service on Dec. 5, 12, 19. 6pm supper, followed by the service at 7 p.m.

5.3 Youth Leadership course: Course offered by SJA Connect for 13 – 19 year olds. Sponsored by St. John Ambulance and the Lutheran church. Offered over 3 Saturdays. Includes First Aid/CPR certification.

6. Standing items

6.1 Pastoral Team: Fr. Tim is away from Dec. 9-19 as he is attending Oblate finance meetings in Rome. Tim will be doing his best to resign from this committee as these meetings are held at times that are very difficult for parish priests to leave their parishes. Jane will be away from Dec. 17 – Jan. 10. Liturgy committee members will help with activities for the children during Advent and Christmas Masses.

7. For information

7.1 Advent Fair: Dec. 2

7.2 Pizza/Christmas Carols – Dec. 1

7.3 Preparation for Advent – Mark Slatter – Dec. 1

8. Communications

9. Next meeting: January 10, 2019. Dorothy will draft agenda.