

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's **(Absent)**

Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @7pm in the Board Room

Our PPC met on October 3rd and discussed the following pastoral issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Accessibility to our building – An update on our accessibility project;
- (2) Formation of a 5 Year Plan;
- (3) Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils;
- (4) New Evangelization & Sacramental Preparation;
- (5) Creating a Baptism Preparation Process according to the new norms of the Diocese

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Parish Financial Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- (6) New Parish Directory? Discussion on whether we should embark on this project;
- (7) Hiring of Youth Minister? A proposal to share the hiring cost of a Youth Minister with St. Andrew the Apostle Church. Two nights/month; about \$3,000/year.

Re: (1) Although the process is moving forward much slower than we had anticipated, we still expect the project will be completed this Fall.

Re: (2) No new information.

Re: (3) A brief update was provided, following the previous night's workshop on this topic given by Diocesan Pastoral Services. Note that we still have openings for PPC representatives; if members believe a good candidate is in our community, they should feel free to invite them.

Re: (4) An extensive conversation followed on this topic. It was noted that new initiatives are being introduced this Fall (Scripture study/reflection, as an example) and that further initiatives are hoped following the next Pastoral Services Presentation on Baptism. Fr. Michael gave an update on our Preparation Process for Sacraments of Initiation this year, and members provided him with information on how "Prayer Partners" worked in previous years in the Confirmation program.

Re: (5) As mentioned above, the Diocesan Pastoral Services Team will be hosting an evening session on Evangelization and Baptism Preparation next week (Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, October 9th). All PPC members, and all interested Parishioners, are invited to attend.

Parish Financial Update: Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing the Parish revenues and expenditures for the first 8 months of this year, with a month by month comparison, as well as a comparison to our annual budgeted amounts. Our financial situation is stable, with no concerns at this time. Fr. Michael will provide Myron with the Mass attendance statistics, and he will come up with a way of showing the correlation between those numbers and financial contributions.

Re: (6) The PPC advised it was too soon (6 years) to produce another directory, with the previous one being published in 2012. The consensus was to wait 4 more years; that 10 year gaps seem more reasonable.

Re: (7) After a brief discussion, the consensus of the PPC was "yes" to the following proposal:

To share the cost of hiring a youth minister, on a 50/50 basis, with St. Andrew the Apostle Church. The youth minister will be responsible for planning and running an evening for youth every second week (Wednesday nights, most likely) in the Parish, alternating week by week between this parish and St. Andrew's. This person would be hired for one school year, under contract (non-renewable). This will allow us the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th at 7pm.