

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio
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Rachel Charette – St. John’s

Marie Bardswich – St. John’s
Sue Quackenbush – St. John’s
Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine’s - **ABSENT**

Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @7pm in the Board Room

Our PPC met on April 10th and discussed the following pastoral issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Accessibility to our building – An update on our accessibility project – Still waiting for the installation of handrails, after which the final, top layer of cement can be poured.

Welcoming of ideas re: the “blank walls” of the ramp (invitation to graffiti?) and the location of the sign.

(2) 5 Year Pastoral Plan – Youth Ministry/Nithin Sunny – a final report.

(3) Adoption of a child through Chalice

(4) Fr. Michael’s Anniversary

ONGOING BUSINESS:

(5) Parish Financial Update (Myron)

(6) Social Concerns, Faith Formation & Spirituality, Pastoral Care, Worship, Youth, Future Planning

NEW BUSINESS:

(7) Approval of our Statutes

(8) Social Committee (Rachel)

(9) Divine Mercy Image and the Candles – Is \$10 an appropriate offering?

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Re: (1) No new information since our last meeting. Regarding the wall issue, PPC was in agreement that the best solution would be to install our Church Sign on the wall facing Church St., if this is possible.

Fr. Michael will check with Ivon Chaumont to verify. Myron offered to provide whatever wiring is necessary to complete the work. The rest of the cement walls (North side) can be covered with shrubs/pyramid cedars/various plants.

Re: (2) Fr. Michael reported that St. Andrew the Apostle Parish decided to not charge us anything for the part of Sunny's contract that applied to us. We are grateful to them.

Re: (3) After discussing various options, PPC decided our Parish will adopt Veronica, a 2 year old girl from Bolivia, through Chalice. The cost of this sponsorship will be \$444.00/year. This will be covered primarily through money donated for candles, as discussed in number (9) below.

Re: (4) Fr. Michael reported that, after having considered the question raised at our last meeting re: his 25th anniversary of ordination this year, that he will be indicating to the Parish that if anyone wishes to honor him for his silver jubilee, the most pleasing way for him would be for them to simply attend and enjoy the Parish BBQ being hosted by the K. of C. and Parish Social Committee on Sunday, June 9th. No gifts or any other such things are desired. Simply attend and enjoy. That would honor him the most.

Re: (5) Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing the Parish revenues and expenditures on a month by month basis to date for 2019, with a comparison to our budgeted amounts. There are no significant concerns, even with the unexpected flood in the Annex (\$2,500 deductible) and some higher than budgeted hydro and water expenses. The additional donations given through the Heating and Utilities Collection are proving to be extremely helpful.

Re: (6) Many of these areas are discussed as a part of the other issues we have spoken to in the meeting, and nothing of significance needed to be added. An acknowledgement of gratitude was made to those who are successfully reaching out to our youth and integrating them so well in our parish prayers and activities, with an encouragement to continue. 7 Parishioners are attending the NES in May.

Re: (7) PPC approved our Statutes (previously distributed); Fr. Michael will forward them to the Chancery, as required, for their approval.

Re: (8) Rachel spoke of her Social Committee's plans for the BBQ on June 9th. While the K. of C. will focus on the food side of things, her committee will be organizing a variety of games and activities, with a view to providing fun for children and families and, hopefully, allowing the afternoon to be more than a simple 'eat and run' event. She requested a \$400 float to make necessary purchases. Approved.

Re: (9) After some discussion, it was decided to request a \$7.00 donation for the 7 day vigil candles that will be offered at the Divine Mercy Image. 100% of that will be given to the poor. This money will be used for our sponsorship of Veronica. Anything in excess of that will be given to the Garson Food Bank, or other such local services to the poor.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm.

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