

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio	Marie Bardswich – St. John’s
Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio	Sue Quackenbush – St. John’s
Rachel Charette – St. John’s ABSENT	Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine’s ABSENT

Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @7pm in the Board Room

Our PPC met on June 12th and discussed the following pastoral issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Accessibility to our building – an update
- (2) Veronica (Chalice) – an update

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- (3) Parish Financial Update (Myron)
- (4) Social Concerns, Faith Formation & Spirituality, Pastoral Care, Worship, Youth, Future Planning

NEW BUSINESS:

- (5) New Evangelization Summit – input from those who attended
- (6) Reduction in garbage – greening the Parish
- (7) Issues arising out of last Friday’s “open meeting” on building issues

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Re: (1) Still ongoing. Ivon moved the sign to its new location, as requested by the PPC at our last meeting. Fr. Michael will coordinate the planting of shrubs along the cement wall with Craig and Judy Chaperone, once the ramp construction is done.

Re: (2) Parishioners are responding extremely well to the devotional candles. Over \$350 has been donated already. The size of the candle tree (holds 10) seems to be ideal.

Re: (3) Myron distributed spreadsheets showing our revenues and expenditures to date. After some discussion, everyone was satisfied as to the current financial situation of the parish.

Re: (4) and (5) We had some discussion about the New Evangelization Summit and how we might better complete our mission of evangelization in Garson, with emphasis upon 'one on one' outreach and welcome.

Re: (6) After some discussion of the options we have to reduce our garbage to one bag/week (limit imposed by the city on October 1st this year), it was decided to implement a more effective strategy for using the Blue Box and Green Bin programs. Fr. Michael will distribute those containers in areas around the building (Kitchen, Sacristy, Meeting Room), and individuals will be tasked with ensuring that these tools are being properly used. Sue agreed to do this with all CWL functions, Marie agreed to do this with all Funeral Luncheons, and Fr. Michael said he will coordinate volunteers with the Social Committee. Fr. Michael will also place Green Bin containers in the 3 washrooms to be used for soiled hand towels only, and will speak to our cleaning contractor about how to handle these bags.

Re: (7) Some time ago (Fall 2017) the PPC agreed unanimously to sell, if possible, the property to the North, immediately adjacent to the old Rectory. Fr. Michael wanted to confirm this decision again at this meeting, and it was confirmed. He has been in touch with the Diocese, and they are currently doing a search of the Archives to determine if, in fact, the property belongs to us. Following that search, and if the property is owned by us, a further decision will be made by our Bishop as to whether or not we can sell it.

The meeting ended at 8:50pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7pm.