

## St. John the Evangelist Parish

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - MINUTES

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio

Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio **REGRETS**

Rachel Charette – St. John's

Diane Myre – St. John's

**ABSENT**

Marie Bardswich – St. John's

Sue Quackenbush – St. John's

Lisa Walz – St. John's

Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @7pm in the Meeting Room

PRAYER – We prayed the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, in particular for Jeff Timbers (son-in-law of Myron) and other sick Parishioners.

**Following this, the PPC met to discuss the following pastoral issues:**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Parish Maintenance

#### ONGOING BUSINESS:

(2) Sale of Property – nothing new to report

(3) ALPHA and The New Evangelization

(4) New Members

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

(6) Parish Financial Update

#### NEW BUSINESS:

(7) Parish Financial Report – Draft report sent separately

(8) Hall Use Policy – Please see the explanation and a draft on the next page

(9) Development and Peace – Information to be distributed

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Re: (1) With the support and recommendation of the PPC, Fr. Michael will purchase a “Thank you” card and a Gift Certificate to Mr. Prime Rib to present to Harvey in appreciation for his many years of volunteer ministry in Parish Maintenance.

There have been no responses to our bulletin ads re: a replacement for what Harvey has done over those years (that being the recommendation of the PPC at our previous meeting). So, the PPC agreed to give Fr. Michael the flexibility to hire someone, if the right person were found, without a formal hiring and interviewing process (similar to what he did in hiring Lisa as Parish Secretary). While he does have someone in mind, nothing has been confirmed; he will report on this at our next meeting.

Re: (2) Nothing to report – no response from the Diocese to Fr. Michael’s inquiries.

Re: (3) Fr. Michael mentioned the “Celebrate” event upcoming in October. It is a Billy Graham event, sponsored by the Evangelical Churches. As per Bishop Marcel’s instructions, we will not stand in the way of parishioners who wish to attend, but we will not actively promote or encourage this. Bishop Marcel wishes to focus instead on the “New Evangelization Summit”. Unfortunately, the Summit this year is the same weekend as the CWL Convention in North Bay.

Re: (4) Diane and Lisa are now full members of the PPC. We joyfully welcome them. Even still, we are not at our full complement of members, and are always open to more who wish to participate.

Re: (5) A reminder from Fr. Michael that all these listed areas are the primary concerns of the PPC. Any member, and any parishioner, who has an initiative/idea/criticism/proposal that involves any of these areas should pique our interest.

Re: (6) In the absence of Myron, Fr. Michael presented the financial statements for 2019, as well as the proposed Parish Financial Report (previously approved by the Finance Committee) and the Budget for 2020. The PPC approved the Parish Financial Report, as presented. It will be published in the parish bulletin on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The other reports were noted, and there were no concerns raised.

Re: (7) Same as above.

Re: (8) The PPC passed the proposal to adopt the policy re: the Hall use that was presented. They further passed a proposal to extend this policy to the use of Parish furniture (tables, chairs, etc.). These policies will be posted on the Parish Web Site (under the PPC tab).

Re: (9) As per the request of Doreen Merkas, information pertaining to the Development and Peace Lenten Campaign was distributed. Fr. Michael explained that, with the arrival of our new Bishop 4 years ago, the D&P collection was moved to Solidarity Sunday and the Good Friday collection is now designated for “The Needs of the Church in the Holy Land”.

Re: (Issues Pertaining to St. Bernardine’s Parish) Trudy will contact Fr. Michael re: the physical address for St. Bernardine’s Church so that it can be published in the Parish bulletin.

The meeting concluded at 8:22pm. NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7pm – Parish Meeting Room