

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Minutes

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio	Pamela Schofield-Adams – St. John's (ABSENT)
Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio	James Murphy – St. John's
Marie Bardswich – St. John's	Sheila Lapierre – St. John's (ABSENT)
Sue Quackenbush – St. John's	Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's (ABSENT)
Barb Pineau – St. John's	

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall

PRAYER: We prayed a decade of the Rosary together

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

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Update on maintenance/repairs

ONGOING BUSINESS:

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

(3) Parish Financial Update

NEW BUSINESS: None

Re (1): Fr. Michael thanked Myron for the repair job he did on the railing for the front stairs. This summer, there are a number of small maintenance jobs that will be done: painting, cement repair, leak repairs, etc. Since these are just small, ongoing maintenance issues, and the larger maintenance and repair issues have been completed, this item will be removed from the PPC agenda going forward.

Re (2): Under **Social Concerns**, Barb spoke about the fund raiser for the Garson Food Bank which will take place at Garson Foodland on July 29th. There will be a bike raffle, which will be the largest component of the fundraiser. She asked for and received advice from the PPC on a few issues related to this event.

The Garson Food Bank is grateful to our Parish for the ongoing support we give through our food donations.

Regarding the Giving Tree project for Christmas, we will begin to plan this at our October meeting.

Fr. Michael invited us to listen to the Holy Spirit over the summer, to discern if there was any other area where we might make an impact in terms of our service to the poor.

Under **Worship**, there was a question regarding the process for requesting a Mass intention. Coincidentally, this information has already been published in this Sunday's upcoming bulletin (Note: envelopes for Mass intentions are available on the table at the front entrance of the Church).

Under **Future Planning**, a big 'thank you' to Barb for petitioning the city to repair the curbs leading to our parish driveway/parking lot. They did an excellent job.

Under **Youth**, our children's liturgy program had a very successful year, thanks to Mary MacGregor who, with her helpers, worked so hard each week to present it to the children of our Parish. It will pause during the summer months.

Under **Pastoral Care**, Fr. Michael indicated that the 'study day' at Villa Loyola he attended had nothing to do with pastoral care, and focussed only on the financial aspect of parish life. Nothing more to report.

Under **Faith Formation & Spirituality**, the PPC reviewed the draft survey Fr. Michael presented, and made a few suggestions for small changes. The survey will be inserted in our Parish bulletin in the Fall, with a view to determining what, if any, interest there is in various educational opportunities in our parish.

Re (3): Myron led a discussion of the spreadsheet showing our financials to the end of May, compared to our budget. A few questions were asked about various items, and all were answered. There are no financial concerns at this time.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm – Parish Hall