

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Minutes

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio
Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio
Marie Bardswich – St. John's
Sue Quackenbush – St. John's
Barb Pineau – St. John's

Pamela Schofield-Adams – St. John's
James Murphy – St. John's ABSENT
Sheila Lapierre – St. John's
Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's ABSENT

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 24th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER We prayed a decade of the Rosary for the needs of all Parishioners.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Parish Appreciation Dinner Review
- (2) Chrism Mass Review
- (3) Parish Music Ministry Update
- (4) Building Issues

NEW BUSINESS:

- (5) Membership/new members

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- (6) Social Concerns, Worship, Future Planning, Youth, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation & Spirituality
- (7) Parish Financial Update

Re: (1) All the feedback received was positive. Everyone looks forward to our 2nd Annual Appreciation Dinner next year.

Re: (2) Fr. Michael indicated the Chrism Mass was well celebrated, and everyone he spoke to was impressed with the way the day unfolded. There were two articles in The Catholic Register pertaining to it, both with positive reviews.

Re: (3) The PPC went 'in camera' for this discussion.

Once the PPC left their 'in camera' discussion, it was decided that Fr. Michael will continue to provide music at our Sunday Masses via Spotify. We will not hire a musician at this time. Further, it was decided to return to posting the hymns on the hymn board, to help those who find it difficult to hear the announced hymn number. Pamela will look after this.

Re: (4) (a) The LED conversion is complete at St. Bernardine's in Skead; not yet at St. John's.
(b) The East stairway to Hall repair has been completed.
(c) The front stairway repair and railing installation is still pending quotes. We are hopeful these will be received in the next few weeks. When received, Fr. Michael will forward all the information via email to the PPC for approval. If approved by the PPC and Parish Finance Committee, we will proceed with seeking permission from the Diocese to move forward with this project.
(d) Fr. Michael and Myron met with a representative from a furnace company who indicated that a heat pump system would not work in our situation. Our current heating system is working well, and there is no indication that it will need to be changed in the near future. When it does need to be replaced, it will need to be with another gas boiler.

Re: (5) Sue and Marie are coming to the end of their terms on the PPC, already extended due to the Covid pandemic. We will seek new parishioners to take their place. If none are forthcoming, we will decide at our June meeting if those terms should be extended again. There is still one vacancy for a St. Bernardine's representative.

Re: (6) Under **Social Concerns** and **Future Planning**, it was decided to invite Bishop Thomas here for a Pastoral Visit this coming Fall, in early November. In conjunction with that potential visit, a Parish pot luck dinner is proposed for Sunday, November 3rd. The other activities for that visitation will be planned once we know if he is able to come at that time. **Worship** was discussed already, under (3). It was also mentioned the difficulty, at times, of finding volunteers for our various Ministries. Mention was also made of Fr. Michael's 30th Anniversary of ordination to the Presbyterate on June 3rd. Under **Youth**, Fr. Michael spoke briefly of the challenges related to preparing candidates for Confirmation; that Sacrament will be offered here this year, possibly in the Fall, and possibly in conjunction with the Bishop's visit. **Pastoral Care** continues to meet the needs of Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sunday.

Re: (7) Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing the first quarter financial results. We are essentially balanced to our budget. There were no issues of concern.

Other: Sheila reported that there was an Appreciation Dinner in March for representatives from all the Food Banks in Sudbury. The proceeds from the St. John's Cemetery BBQ on June 23rd are earmarked for the Garson Foodbank. The numbers of clients there continue to rise, with a noticeable increase in the number of young families.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 7:30pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 19th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.