

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 **REGRETS**
Pamela Schofield-Adams – St. John's

James Murphy – St. John's
Sheila Lapierre – St. John's
Murielle Denis – St. John's
Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's **ABSENT**
John Robert – St. Bernardine's **(BY PHONE)**

OTHER PARISHIONERS ATTENDING: Charles & Liette Richer

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 14th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER: We prayed a decade of the Rosary for Pope Leo who had surgery for lung cancer yesterday.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Parking lot/Maintenance issues – Skead
- (2) Protective barrier for window
- (3) Use of our kitchen – Sue and Mike Richards

NEW BUSINESS:

- (4) Parish Fall Event
- (5) New PPC Members
- (6) Christmas Memorial Flowers
- (7) Advent Giving Tree

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- (8) Social Concerns, Worship, Future Planning, Youth, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation & Spirituality, Evangelization
- (9) Parish Financial Update

Re: (1) John indicated that the parking lot at St. Bernardine's has been repaired, with the addition and grading of aggregate. They are actively pursuing options for adding a heat trace cable to prevent ice damming this winter, and at filling/repairing holes from last winter's damage.

Re: (2) Fr. Michael had a fence fabricated by The Weld Doctor in Hanmer and installed it just today. It will (hopefully) prevent the windows from being broken by falling ice in the winter. He and Sonya also repaired a couple of shingles that had fallen from the roof of the Church.

Re: (3) Sue and Mike Richards have used the kitchen just once, so far, but plan on using it more often this coming winter. They have signed a Ministry Agreement that indicates they are serving the poor on behalf of St. John's Parish (for insurance purposes), and have both been screened by the police, since they are serving in a high risk ministry.

Re: (4) After some discussion, it was decided to host an All Saint's Day Parish Chili Dinner on Sunday, November 1st, following the 3pm prayers for the dead at St. John's Cemetery. Chili will be provided by Fr. Michael, Marie Bardswich, John Robert, Sheila Lapierre and Pamela Schofield-Adams. Murielle will look after providing desserts.

Re: (5) A reminder that we are always on the lookout for new PPC members. Some of our current members were invited by previous members. In a similar manner, we are invited to consider inviting others to join.

Re: (6) We will once again donate the contributions received through the Christmas Memorial Flowers to the Pregnancy Care Centre and Infant Foodbank.

Re: (7) We will once again partner with the L'Arche community for our Advent Giving Tree project. Fr. Michael will contact them to obtain the necessary gift information. Pamela will look after making the tree tags. We will make the tags available on the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 29th), with a return date and gift wrapping on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 13th).

Re: (8) Fr. Michael solicited feedback regarding the 2026 calendars he gifted to parishioners, with a view to determining if there was sufficient interest in receiving a similar (but different) calendar for 2027. It was unanimously expressed that the calendars are appreciated and welcomed, so Fr. Michael will go ahead with planning for them again next year.

There were no other issues raised at this time by PPC members under these 7 categories.

Re: (9) Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing our financials to the end of September. There are no concerns from either the Finance Committee or the PPC. We are attending to the ongoing maintenance needs of our buildings, and do not anticipate any unexpected expenditures in the near future. That being said, even if there were unintended expenditures, we are well positioned with our savings to address them.

Our meeting concluded with a prayer, led by Fr. Michael, at 7:40pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 9th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.