

St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes - Thursday October 20, 2016

Attendance: Father Murray Sample, Peter Valiquet, Joanne Zwolski, Larry McKenzie, Howie Wright, Donna Thompson, Mark Thompson, Wayne Wolanski, Darlene MacKenzie, Lola Gualtieri, Marinette Laureano

Absent: Yana Adkinson, Michael Theriault, Sylain Patry, Father Don Pumputis

### **Introduction and Welcome:**

Condolences were conveyed to Darlene in regards to the recent loss of her mother. Peter Valiquet welcomed Wayne Wolanski, Donna Thompson and Mark Thompson to their new roles as Vice-Chairperson, Recording Secretary and Finance Committee Liaison.

### **Opening Prayer and Reflection**

Review minutes: September 15, 2016 - Approved.

### **Business:**

There will be an opportunity for parishioners to meet members of our sponsored Syrian Refugee family on Sunday afternoon October 30, 2016.

The annual ministry fair has a new format to attract new volunteers and members alike. Each Ministry has been contacted and a request made to have at least one volunteer man their assigned booths both before and after each weekend Mass. Council members who have volunteered for this role will be provided name tags courtesy of Howie Wright.

Knights of Columbus breakfasts...it has been noted that the breakfast program is only offered after 0830 and 1030 Masses.

PPC Commissioning will be held at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on November 5, 2016. All PPC members are invited to attend this Mass and remain for a photo session following.

Howie Wright met with the pastor at St. Andrew's Parish. Father Jay and the council chair will be invited to our next PPC meeting, by which time Bishop Fabro will have made an official announcement regarding the composition of our Parish Family. We discussed the formation of a Steering Committee to initiate preliminary discussion around matters of mutual interest.

Father Murray met with the architects and contractors on October 14, 2016. Installation of the new HVAC system is progressing despite the unexpected discoveries. Father impressed upon those in attendance that work must be completed by December 1, 2016. The Diocese has granted us permission to seek an alternative contractor for the bathroom renovation and it is suggested that this work be undertaken in the spring of 2017.

The Liturgy Workshop held Saturday Oct 15, 2016 was thought to have been very good.

Peter expressed the opinion that in his experience, the Ministry Pro Scheduler program has worked very

well. The consensus amongst the PPC members present was that we continue to use this contracted service.

Father Murray commented that his Mission Experience was both "interesting and humbling" based in part on emails of support he has received since returning home to London.

**Financial Update:**

Finance Report indicated that income between September 2015 - 2016 was down by \$12,200. Expenses are up \$11,500. The Thanksgiving appeal was anticipating \$65,000 and only realized \$15,300. Father felt that the demographic of our parish community is changing and that we must do our part to engage this new diversity and encourage participation. Despite the offertory being down Father Murray noted that we are a vibrant community and the parking lot is never empty.

**Pastoral Team Update:**

It is hoped that with the launch of "Edge" by Sylvain Patry and the team, that the youth of our community will hopefully bring their parents back to St. Michael's. "Flame of Faith" has leaders at Mother Teresa High School as well as St. Catherine of Siena and St. Mark's. Father Don is the associate with these programs in his schools. Father Don has been busy going into various classrooms at the request of the teachers to speak with the students. Father Murray reflected a similar, positive response for the schools for which he has contact, namely St. Michael's and JPIL.

Our next meeting will be held November 24, 2016