

St. Anne' s Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Bruce Sparling, Armand Thibodeau, Jill Koch, Pat Richter, Lois Spizawka, Darlene Fix

Others Present: Tillie Aessie, Myron Rogal

1. Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew followed by prayer for parish with intentions.
2. Restorative Justice Guest – Myron Rogal joined us and spoke on a new program and letter that will be given to the parishes in the city. It will be on sexual addiction and healing. In the past there have been things on prevention but now they are trying to look at the healing and restoration. A letter has been drawn up that will be used as a survey and will be given to the different committees in the parishes to discuss and answer. A deadline of June 30th will apply for all groups to submit their answers. This will help to direct people to the best place for help. Council felt this was a very good idea and is willing to answer the survey.
3. Approval of Agenda – Additions were made: (1) Discussion of Pictorial (2) Request for Lighthouse fundraiser (3) Sunday intentions using last names
4. Approval of Minutes – Complete. It was mentioned that the different committees have not been submitting reports to Darlene to post on the website.
5. Big Picture
 - a. Letter from concerned parishioners
 - i. Fr. Matthew has decided on Fr. Andrew Schoenberger from St. Paul Diocese in Northern Alberta to speak to the parish on the crucifix and the Roman Missal. He has training in liturgy and could probably skype to speak to those who are interested. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew** will make arrangements for this in May/June or else in the Fall and will present this to the parish when it is all arranged.
 - ii. Bruce met with Margot and discussed her concerns and suggestions. Discussion went well and there are no action items.
 - b. Governance Structure Chart List of Committees
 - i. Fr. Matthew presented the printout that Ken put together. It is in a very attractive booklet form. It was suggested that copies of it go in the Welcome Area and in the Welcome packages that go to new parishioners. **ACTION: Pat** will send out a copy to all in council to give any feedback to Ken.
 - c. Vision and Values
 - i. Lois spoke to Roberta Ross from BJM and was told that they are gathering students who will be able to work on the banner and prayer cards for the church. **ACTION: Lois** will find out if they will be completed by the end of the school year.
 - d. Farewell for Gerry and Sr. Dianne

- i. The farewell has been set for June 10th after the 5pm mass. There will be a few people speaking and wine, beer, and cheese will be served. Donations will be taken to help cover the cost of wine and beer. Anyone who would like to bring appetizers can. It was suggested that maybe a small program could be done. Some suggestions were Kids For Christ, Don Griffiths, Trina Ward, Neil Mooney, Stan Schroeder, Cameron Jackson. **ACTION: Darlene** will put this event into the bulletin this week. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew** will inform anyone who is interested in doing something for the farewell to get in touch with Lois. **ACTION: Armand** will check on the liquor license. **ACTION: Lois** will organize this event.
- e. Staff Hirings
 - i. All 3 positions were filled by very faith-filled and lovely people. There were several very good applications. Daniel Fahlman and Daniel Pettipas will begin on June 1st, 2017, and Catherine (who is moving from Winnipeg) will begin on August 1st, 2017.
- f. Budget
 - i. Bruce will have the budget completed and sent to Darlene.
- g. Restorative Justice (See #2 in Minutes)
- h. Governance Structure Document
 - i. A quick description went into the bulletin. **ACTION: Fr., Pat, Lois, Armand, and Dean** will get together to finish this and send it out to all Council.
- i. AGM Prep.
 - i. Meat and cheese trays have been ordered for the AGM. **ACTION: All** council members are to bring a dessert. Food and drinks will be set out and then the meeting will begin when people have their food. Reports will be up and on the web page but hard copies will be made available in the future if requested. The Financial Report will be done in hard copy for all attending to review. **ACTION: Darlene** will send the Financial Report to Pat so that he can make copies for the AGM. Fr. Matthew, Pat, and Jason will all present at the AGM. There will be a power point presentation of all the activities the parish has done in the past year and a questionnaire at the tables so people can let us know how we have done and can give suggestions.
- j. Easter Weekend Review
 - i. Father's only concern was whether the procession with the Easter candle went okay. All those who were present felt it went fine and that it was probably the best way to do it at this time.
- k. Signs for Church
 - i. It has been brought forward that there is a need for choir hymnal holders because of lack of space in the choir. The cost for this is \$1,488. It was also mentioned that we need clearer signage on the outside of the church because it does not show that St. Anne's is a "Catholic" church and because there has been trouble with people finding the main entrance to the church. Pictures were shown of ideas for signage that is bold, clear, and says, "St. Anne's Catholic

Church". This would be put above the front and back entrances of the church. There are two options depending on the type of material used. Option 1 is \$1,200 and Option 2 is \$3,100. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew** will take this to the Operations Board because of the cost of both of these projects.

6. New Initiatives

a. Parish Mission

- i. Names were e-mailed to council for everyone to try and decide on a speaker for our next Mission. The Mission will be in the Fall of 2018. We will discuss this further after the Evangelization Summit so that everyone has a chance to look into all the suggestions. **ACTION: All** council members are asked to choose who they feel would be their favorite choices for the event from the list of names that were e-mailed to them.

b. Philippine Community

- i. Nothing further has been done. **ACTION: Armand** will see if a celebration or special Saint Day is coming up that they can plan an event for.

c. New Evangelization Summit

- i. Up to this date, three people from council will be going.

d. St. Anne's Feast Day

- i. We will serve ice cream and balloons in the Welcome Area again after each Mass. St. Anne's Feast Day is July 26th so we will do this on July 22nd and 23rd. **ACTION: All** council members need to find someone to organize this event.

e. St. Anne's Parish Pictorial

- i. Photographers have sent the church some information and they will be in the city this fall at a couple other parishes to do directories. **ACTION: Darlene** will contact them to see what dates are available. **ACTION: Darlene** will also contact Millie for a description of the work this entails. Council decided it is a good time to do another pictorial and that we will need to find volunteers. Frank Brown was suggested as a possible volunteer to talk to. **ACTION: Darlene** will advertise this in the bulletin.

7. Parish/Ministries Improvements

a. Meaningful Community

- i. Things are getting organized for the social committee. This is in progress.
- ii. Name Tag Sunday and Pentecost – We will serve cupcakes and coffee after the Masses. New staff will also get introduced this weekend. **ACTION: Jill** will look into the cost of 600-700 cupcakes.

b. To Encounter Jesus

- i. Names have been passed on to the Liturgy Committee for potential Welcoming Committee members.

8. Light House Raffle

- a. The parish was asked if a fundraiser could be done to raise money for the Light House. Parish felt this was fine to do. Members of the Restorative Justice Committee will sell raffle tickets.

9. Prayer Intentions

- a. Due to the large amount of prayer intentions at Mass, the last names of those being prayed for were left out during the intentions. Fr. Matthew has had people express that they do not like the way this is being done. People feel it may be impersonal or not as informative. Father stated that more people dislike the new way with only first names, more than those who seemed to express that they like it. Council agreed it was good to include the last names of those being prayed for, therefore we will return to using first and last names during intentions.

10. Welcome to the Parish Event

- a. St. Anne's held another "Welcome to the Parish" evening. Attendance was much higher than at the previous 2. Approximately 5-10 people attended in the past, but 40 new parishioners attended this time. Personal phone invitations were done this time which may be the reason for the higher turn-out. Keri Kotyk was helping with this but she will be leaving Saskatoon so we will have to find someone to replace her. **ACTION: All** council needs to help find volunteers to deliver packages to new parishioners. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew and Darlene** will send out letters to new parishioners.

11. CWL Report

- a. Tillie Aessie read the CWL report. It will be posted on the web page.

12. Handicap Seating

- a. Armand brought up a concern that we should have some type of designated seating in the church for handicapped. It was mentioned that there is an area in the church that accommodates for this, but that it is not marked. **ACTION: Pat** will talk to Sheldon and see if some type of signage can be made and put onto the seats to signify the areas.

13. Nominations for Elections

- a. Only 2 nominations were presented. One refused and the other is talking it over with family. We will need to find a different way to approach this in the future. **ACTION: All** council members are to see if they can find anyone who they feel would be good to fill these rolls. We will try to find 5 people to be Members-at-Large and then find which role will best suit them.

14. Closing Prayer – Lois

15. Final Meeting of Year – Closing Prayer will be led by Pat. Father, Bruce and Pat will bring wine to the final meeting and others can bring some type of snack or appetizer.