

St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Armand Thibodeau, Jill Koch, Pat Richter, Lois Spizawka, Ruxandra Ristea, Ken Neitz, Dorothy Fraser, Patti Pasloski

Parish Members Present: Margot Taylor

1. Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew
2. Approval of Agenda – no changes or additions
3. Approval of Minutes – changes: under 4 (a) (i) meeting of 3 people not 7, 4 (a) (i) the spelling of Patrick Clark(e), 4 (a) (i) second last sentence should say 'and' not 'but', 4(c) (i) remove phrase 'and meeting times'
4. Big Picture
 - a. Letter from concerned parishioners
 - i. **Action:** Find someone to speak about the role of the crucifix in the church and the Roman Missal. Maybe contact St. Joe's in Edmonton for someone with liturgical training. **(Fr. Matthew/Sr. Diane)**
 - ii. Pat spoke at all masses regarding the status of the crucifix.
 - iii. **Action:** meet with Margot to review her suggestions for council.**(Bruce)**
 - iv. **Action:** try to see if a group can be coordinated to work with this educational opportunity. See if people who have been working with the crucifix are willing to help coordinate. **(Pat)**
 - b. Minutes posted on web page and pictures on web page of council members
 - i. Minutes were posted on web page but we realized that they need to be approved over e-mail prior to being posted.
 - ii. **Action:** The setting up of a Parish Council section on the new web site is a long-term project and will take time. Ruxandra took pictures of those council members who were present at today's meeting. Pictures of those missing will still need to be taken.**(Ruxandra)**
 - iii. Agendas were sent to Darlene and posted.
 - c. Governance Structure Chart List of Committees
 - i. **Action:** This has been completed and Ken will have things ready for next meeting.**(Ken)**
 - d. Vision and Values
 - i. **Action:** Lois contacted Roberta Ross, the Graphic Arts Teacher, and will meet her on Wednesday at noon. Father has spoken with Roberta and given her ideas and the location on the wall where it will go. A design will be created and they will show us.**(Lois)**
 - ii. It was also mentioned that we want to make St. Anne prayer cards with a picture from the chapel on one side and Luke Hergott's prayer on the other. It was suggested that we ask this same group of Graphic Arts students to

create this prayer card for us being that it is very hard to get a good picture of the etched glass in the chapel.

e. Staffing Changes

- i. **Action:** We will need to plan a farewell for Gerry and Sr. Diane. We also need to look at filling those two positions. A posting for Gerry's position will be posted in mid-March, interviews in April, and job start date is June 1, 2017. (?)

Changes made: Patti will work in Children's Ministry. Two new positions created. One called Coordinator of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation and the other called Coordinator of Sunday Experience and Volunteers. Council discussed these roles and any word changes needed on the job descriptions. Council was happy with how these roles looked.

f. Budget

- i. **Action:** A copy of the budget needs to be attached to the minutes. **(Bruce)**

g. All Souls Day

Action: Jack sent in a report on the All Souls Day event. Fr. Matthew explained that the reason the books that were purchased were not used was because they had been ordered before being given the okay, and he felt they went beyond what the church teaches. Many families who had lost loved ones this past year attended the event. It was suggested that this event is a good time to re-catechize people about purgatory. It was suggested that more promotion could be done in the future. Pat will call Jack and thank him for organizing this event. **(Pat)**

5. New Initiatives

a. Parish Mission

- i. **Action:** Continue to look for possible speakers for this event in the future. **(everyone)**

b. Truth and Reconciliation

- i. Since the plaque went up in the church, a committee has formed. They will host one of the soup and bun meals in Lent. Our Lady of Guadalupe is invited that day for mass, soup, and a video.

c. Philippine Community Gathering Update

- i. **Action:** In progress **(Armand)**

d. Malawi Update

- i. A meeting was held regarding a trip to Malawi. About 15 people attended the meeting but more showed interest. The trip is planned for late spring or early summer of 2018.

6. Parish \ Ministries Improvements

a. Meaningful Community

- i. **Action:** Contact people that signed up for social committee. Still work in progress. **(Armand)**

- ii. Name-tag Sunday was a success. Report will be sent to all council and will be posted on the web page. The Philippine Community stayed for the donuts and coffee on Saturday evening. We will consider doing this rather

than pancake breakfast. We can also try to connect this with St. Anne's day in the summer. We could also set out a basket for donations to help cover the cost of the donuts. It was discussed that we host this possibly 3-4 times per year. It was suggested May 6th\7th, sometime in September, and maybe in January. Armand said he is willing to coordinate this again but needs more help.

- b. To Encounter Jesus
 - i. New Welcoming Coordinator
Action: Continue to look for someone who would do well in this position
(Everyone)
 - ii. Youth member
Action: See if any youth would like to volunteer to be a youth rep on council. Someone who wants to be involved in this role. **(Everyone)**
 - c. Grow as Disciples
 - i. Discussion took place on the pages mentioned from Divine Renovation. Work is going forward in areas but we still need to work to discover how to grow small community. We need to find where people are at and allow relationships with God to be first priority and then work outwards.
7. Closing Prayer was said by Lois. **Action:** Next meeting Armand will do closing prayer.
(Armand)
8. **Action:** Did review of parish activities for the Diocese. A copy of these will go to Pat to send to the Diocese. **(Jill)**