

St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Armand Thibodeau, Pat Richter, Lois Spizawka, Daniel Pettipas, Shirley Sturgeon, Ruxandra Ristea, Steve Sikora, Ken Neitz, Tillie Aessie, Nicolas Korol, Roldan Samela, and Catherine Richard.

1. *Opening Prayer* – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew
2. *Approval of Agenda* – additions included: fall supper, update on refugee family
3. *Election of Secretary* – Steve Sikora
4. *Approval of Minutes* – Thanks to Cameron
5. *Introduction and welcoming of staff and new council member:* Catherine Richard and new council member Rolden Samela.
6. Big Picture
 - a. *Letter from concerned parishioners. Fr Andrew Schoenberger from St. Paul to speak to parish about the role of the crucifix in church and Roman Missal.*
 - i. *Planning the Presentation. Action: Pat* will contact him to see if he can be here in person Monday Nov. 27th
 - ii. *Survey. Implement paper survey for each of the 3 Masses to obtain feedback from parish after Fr. Andrew's education session Action: Pat & Fr. Matthew* will send out a draft questionnaire concerning parishioners reaction to Crucifix.
 - iii. *Crucifix. Action: Nicholas* will look into the measurements of the Corpus for fitment to existing cross, or necessity of new designated cross. AND contact Bob Gander and obtain an estimate for the finishing of the Corpus, so we can know costs should we proceed with its installation.
 - b. *Vision and Values*
 - i. *Banner fabricated by BJM Fine Arts. Action: Lois* will contact Roberta Ross at BJM and see if a sample can be supplied for council approval.
 - ii. *Strategic Planning. Action: Fr. Matthew* will inquire as to the availability of Queen's House of Retreats for the day of Nov. 25th, AND if we can obtain the services of a Strategic Planner to facilitate the day.
 - c. *Update on young adult ministry. Fr. Matthew* shared that the first of the Priestly Pints was a success having a turnout of approx. 25 young people.

7. New Initiatives

- a. *Parish Mission* – **Daniel** shared that André Regnier, cofounder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) will be here to offer a Parish Mission on **Nov. 29th & 30th**. This will also serve to kick-start a Parish initiative to offer the CCO Faith Study “Discovery”. This initiative will begin by training small group leaders for 6 weeks starting Nov. 7th. These leaders will then offer “Discovery” starting in January.

- i. The Parish will provide food that will be served in the place of welcome.
- ii. The CWL will serve the food on the first night of the Mission, while the K of C will serve food on the second night.

Action: Parish Council Members should help share information about the Parish Mission before the Mission itself. Furthermore, Parish Council members should work to be present at the mission itself.

- b. *Growing together with the Philippine Communities Update*

Action: **Roldan** will work to disseminate Parish activities to the various Pilipino Communities.

- c. *Handicap Seating*

- i. **Pat** ordered 3 signs to indicate assigned seating parishioners with disabilities. We will use 1 and add more as necessary. **Action:** **Pat** will order 3 companion signs to go along with the Handicap Seating signs.

- d. *Name Tag Sunday* – review results of pancake breakfast versus donuts.

- i. Gathering in the Welcome Area seemed to be very successful.
- ii. Need to look to find volunteers for both nametag and distribution coffee distribution.
- iii. Look to incorporate Prayer Partner during the Prayers of the Faithful at some point in the future.

- e. *Refugee family update.* **Tillie** shared the following:

- They have been here One month as of November 2.
- 3 adult bus passes have been purchased for commuting.
- They’re allotted \$300/week for groceries
- Their kids are attending St. Anne’s School.
- The Parish raised ~\$3400 at the Halloween event.
- The father in the family speaks level 1-2 English.
- The family will be recipients of a Christmas Hamper form the Parish.
- The family has significant dental challenges: 4 extractions, 1 root canal, multiple fillings, and a restoration.

***** The family’s most imminent need is for winter boots and apparel*****

Action: **Catherine** will pass on letter from John w/refugee family update.

- f. *Fall supper review.*
 - i. The Fall supper was supported by approximately 50 volunteers.
 - Need to put in place a mentorship and apprenticeship program to avoid burning out coordinators.
 - ii. The Fall Supper generated \$3000 profit
 - Purpose of Event? Community Building vs. Capital Generating
 - Where should this \$3000 be directed?
 - This year \$1500 will go to refugee family to help meet their immediate dental needs.
 - The Remaining \$1500 will be reinvested into the Parish Kitchen. Input will be collected from groups who frequently use the kitchen, namely the CWL, K of C, and Parish Youth.
 - Will the Fall Supper happen again next year?
 - Where will subsequent capital generated be directed?
 - Cameron will send out a summary and recommendations.
 - g. *Sanitizers.* **Action:** K of C and CWL will determine the placement of Sanitizer stations.
 - h. *Discussion on homily series.* Fr. Matthew deferred discussing topics for future homily series until after the Strategic Planning Meeting.
 - i. *Information from committees.* **Catherine** will forward reports from committees for council to review prior to future meetings. **Action:** Looking for a Parish Council member to sit on the Restorative Justice Committee. Interested party should contact Dorothy Fortier <fortier.dorothy@yahoo.ca>
 - j. Report on Fr. Matthew's trip to Malawi (**Fr. Matthew**) – **deferred**
 - k. *Fundraising committee and ideas.*
 - There will be a **CWL Bake Sale Nov. 18th** with all the proceeds going to our refugee family.
 - This committee will focus on parish needs and impending projects.
 - Will be addressed at the Strategic Planning Meeting.
 - l. *December meeting.* Dec. 7th meeting will be held at the Parish Rectory.
8. Parish/Ministries Improvements
- a. Send out example of Angus poll for parish engagement and details of having poll done (**Pat**) – **deferred**
 - b. Discussion on having poll done (**Pat**) – **deferred**
9. Action Items Reviewed
10. Closing Prayer (**Armand**)

