



St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 2018

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsay, Nicolas Korol, Cameron Jackson, Vanessa Nyssen, Steve Sikora, Ken Neitz, Ruxandra Ristea, Pat Richter, Lois Spizawka

1. Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 4, 2018 Minutes
4. Big Picture:
 - a. St. Anne's Crucifix - Nicolas provided an update on placement of the crucifix and the various options considered (either finding a new crucifix and corpus to fit the existing cross or modify the existing cross to accommodate a new crucifix and corpus). Options include commissioning a local artist (wood carver) to create a new crucifix and/or modify the existing cross. Cecilia Jergens is away until mid-March; follow-up discussions on how best to proceed will continue once she returns and then she will make a presentation to update the parish.

Action: Father Matthew to contact Malawi parish to see if anyone would be willing to create a new crucifix for St. Anne's.

Action: Father Matthew will make a short announcement after each Mass and then will coordinate a date for Cecelia to speak to the parish and provide an update.

Action: Steve to contact a representative associated with his contact person associated with a parish in Brazil to see if anyone would be willing to create a new crucifix for St. Anne's.

Action: Nicholas to prepare a list of options for a new or used corpus, and to contact Jerry to invite him to be part of the crucifix committee because of his knowledge on woodworking.
 - b. Vision and Values: BJM Banner - the Arts and Environment committee reviewed the binder of proposals from the students of BJM for the banner to be installed in the greeting area, but no design was selected. Will review these initial ideas again to potentially stimulate new ideas, and also look into other options (e.g., consider contacting a graphic designer from the parish to see if they have any additional thoughts/suggestions).
5. New Initiatives
 - a. Parish Mission – waiting for a response, and further action is to be determined. For future speakers, Daniel's committee will make the selection process part of that committee's action plan.

Action: Father Matthew to check if Father Ron Rolheiser is available and if not will book Chris Lowney.

Action: Pat to email parish council members to identify who they think will be the best choice between the two.

- b. Filipino Gathering update – Roldan has been connecting with various Filipino community groups and several ideas/initiatives have been discussed regarding how to unite and integrate the Filipino community within St. Anne's parish.
Action: Catherine to follow-up with Roldan
 - c. Handicap Seating – Sheldon to make up decals and will place on the benches in designated areas.
 - d. Information from Committees
 - Malawi fundraisers (garage sale and fashion show) proceeding as planned (organized by Cori Halgrimson)
 - Salvation Army planning to conduct a training session at St. Anne's on March 10, 2018 on disaster preparedness.
 - e. Fundraising for new church for twin parish in Malawi – discussion held regarding raising money for one of two churches in Malawi parish (\$25,000 - 30,000 needed). A Fundraising Committee led by Peter Zakreski would be responsible for any fundraising initiative. The Fundraising Committee would report to (and be accountable to) the Finance Committee and would need to adhere to the Vision and Values Statement.
Action: Pat to speak with Peter Zakreski, to review the Charter, and then focus upcoming fundraising initiatives to target supporting one of the churches in Malawi this year.
 - f. Update on upcoming trip to Malawi - Father Matthew provided an update on the current plans for the next trip to Malawi. Deacon Ed and his wife will likely lead the group, in which case Father Matthew may decline attending this trip. One of the initiatives on this trip will be to teach English within the communities that will be visited.
6. Parish/Ministries Improvements
- Angus poll for parish engagement – data collected will be incorporated as part of the Strategic Plan.
Action: Cameron and Steve to follow-up with Pat regarding poll and incorporating information
7. Closing Prayer

Discussion on Strategic Plan followed.