

St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Cameron Jackson, Armand Thibodeau, Pat Richter, Lois Spizawka, Daniel Pettipas, Shirley Sturgeon, Ruxandra Ristea, Vanessa Nyssen, Steve Sikora, Ken Neitz, Tillie Aessie

Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew

1. Approval of Agenda – additions included: fall supper, update on refugee family
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Committee composition
 - a. Identified voting (v) and non-voting (nv) members and their position, as follows:

Father Matthew – Priest (staff - nv)
Lois Spizawka – Past Chairperson (v)
Pat Richter – Chairperson (v)
Armand Thibodeau – Vice Chairperson (v)
Cameron Jackson – Co-Secretary (v)
Steve Sikora – Co-Secretary (v)
Ken Neitz – Music Director (staff - nv)
Vanessa Nyssen – Member at Large (v)
Tillie Aessie – Member at Large (v)
Nicholas Korol - Member at Large (v)
Daniel Pettipas - Coordinator of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation (staff - nv)
Ruxandra Ristea – Youth Ministry Coordinator (staff - nv)
4. Big Picture
 - a. Strategic Plan
 - i. Fr. Andrew Schoenberger was contacted by Fr. Matthew and will speak to our parish in the fall (preferably October) regarding the role of the crucifix and the Roman Missal. **Action: Pat** will help to organize this (likely a Skype session in the parish hall)
 - b. Vision and Values
 - i. Lois has been in touch with Roberta Ross regarding having BJM students help create a banner and prayer card for the parish. **Action: Lois** to confirm the details with Roberta and will provide a follow-up at our next meeting.
 - c. Governance Structure Document
 - i. Document was sent previously to all council members and posted on St. Anne's Parish website. As suggested by Pat and Lois, parish council members invited to participate in the development of a strategic plan for St. Anne's parish on how to carry this governance structure document forward (e.g., working group at Queen's House). **Action: Pat** to send around a Doodle poll to St. Anne's staff and parish council members, and to look into

previous meeting minutes regarding past discussions. All staff and parish council members are encouraged to read Divine Intervention prior to this meeting.

- d. Introductions of new staff
 - i. Father Matthew reviewed the list of new staff members that have been hired over the summer months: Daniel Pettipas, Daniel Fahlman, Catherine Richard, Trina Ward (temporarily filling in for Patti Pasloski)
- e. School Packages
 - i. Students from all schools within our parish catchment area will receive a welcome brochure about St. Anne's parish when they register at school.
Action: Father Matthew will email all parish council members a pdf copy of the brochure.
- f. Parishioners making appeal for money
 - i. Discussion held regarding whether parishioners should be allowed to make direct appeals for money to the congregation following Mass. It was decided that if the appeal is related to an educational purpose, parishioners should not be allowed to make their request. If the appeal is related to a theological, outreach, or missionary purpose, they should be allowed to make their request. **Action: Tillie** to send Father Matthew information on the various bursaries available from the CWL.
 - ii. Letter of Appeal received from Natalie Florizone reviewed and discussed. This request is in support of her continuing education at St. Thérèse Institute in Bruno. It was decided that St. Anne's Parish should donate \$500 in support of Natalie's request.
- g. "That Man Is You" program
 - i. Steve provided a short summary on this new men's program that will commence on September 19, 2017 at the St. Anne's Parish hall at 6:00 am. This is a 1 year pilot program based on a 3 year program originally initiated in the US. Steve will introduce this program at the beginning of each Mass this coming Sunday.
- h. Update on youth ministry program
 - i. Since there are a number of young adults who attend our parish, but don't know one another, St. Anne's will be hosting a brunch for new young adults following Mass the first Sunday of each month. Father Matthew will also be hosting a "Priestly Pints" session with young adults to provide another opportunity to meet and generate further discussion.

5. New Initiatives

- a. New Evangelization Summit
 - i. This event will be held in the St. Anne's Parish hall on April 27 and 28, 2018. Members of the parish council are invited to attend.
- b. Parish Mission
 - i. Despite the four choices for speakers (Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam Heidland, Fr. Don Calloway, and Chris Lowney) none are available to attend the next parish mission this November.
- c. Philippine Community Gathering Update
 - i. **Action: Armand** will continue to look for an event. He noted that a couple people have shown interest in helping him out.
 - ii. **Action: Fr. Matthew** will appoint Roldan Samela to be a member on council. He has shown great interest in helping in the church.
- d. St. Anne's Feast
 - i. Lois and Armand were able to find enough volunteers to dish out ice cream following the Sunday morning Masses in celebration of the St. Anne's Feast.
- e. St. Anne's Parish Pictorial
 - i. Jill Koch has been coordinating this initiative. To date, this has been well attended.
- f. Handicap Seating
 - i. Pat has contacted Sheldon regarding signs to identify handicap seating in the church. Several pews in the north transept of the church will be designated for handicap seating. **Action: Pat** will look into how many signs will be needed.
- g. Name Tag Sunday
 - i. Propose to have this event 3 times a year and set the dates in advance (tentatively scheduled for October 15, January 14, and April 22). These will be scheduled in conjunction with a pancake breakfast as well as when coffee/donuts are served in the Welcome Area.

6. Parish/Ministries Improvements

- a. Parish Assessment
 - i. In order to better understand the health of our parish, it is important to identify metrics that can be tracked and compared. If this initiative is undertaken, it should be done on an annual basis. **Action: Pat** to send out examples of polls from other parishes and will look into the details of having a Gallop poll created.

7. Update on the Refugee Family

- a. Our sponsored refugee family is scheduled to arrive October 2, 2017. St. Anne's Parish has acquired housing for the family in close proximity to the church, local schools, parks and bus routes. All furnishings have been collected; an appeal for specific kitchen and household items will be included in the bulletin prior to the families arrival.

- b. Sts-Martyr-Canadiens Church will be hosting a wine and cheese fundraising event on October 28, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided (Slightly Off-Center Band). Patti Pasloski has agreed to prepare posters for this event.
- 8. St. Anne's Parish Fall Supper
 - a. Tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2017
 - b. Volunteer request will be included as part of the Stewardship Sunday campaign.
 - c. **Action: Lois** to look into purchasing hand sanitizers to have at this event (and other similar events held in the St. Anne's Parish hall)
 - d. **Action: Cameron** to confirm his availability to coordinate the fall supper.
- 9. Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017
- 10. Closing Prayer – Prayer led by Tillie