

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## Tuesday, May 3, 2016

**Present:** Tim Baillargeon, Peggy Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter, Fr. David Lewis, Patsy Pond, Al Vodicka, Al Diemert

**Regrets:** Dan Ziegler, Andrea Visneskie, Iris Miltenburg

**OPENING PRAYER:** Each member said what they are thankful for.

Minutes of the last meeting – motion to accept by Peggy Kelly, seconded by Al Vodicka. Carried.

### BUSINESS

1. Parish Website – Website updates continue to be done as Nathan has time. They are doing their best to keep it current. Everyone still is getting used to keeping Barb in the loop so she has time to add/remove promptly. She has been hearing good feedback so more people are using it which is great.
2. St. Teresa Syrian Sponsorship Ministry – At the meeting on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to amend the application form to host a Syrian family, in light of the fluctuating situation. After the initial 25,000 Syrian refugees had landed in Canada, the Government cut back in processing more. The many organizations that had been raising money and making plans to host Syrian families were left in limbo. Public pressure was effective in causing the Government to reconsider.  
 The committee was advised by the diocese that we would have a better chance of receiving our family from Syria sooner if we could be more flexible in the family size we are willing to host. Our volunteer membership voted at the meeting to change our application to read that we will consider a Syrian family of 2, 3 or 4 persons. This is a flexible option. Should an offer be made to us, we now have a choice to accept the offer if it is less than four and more than one or we could wait for a family of four as we had originally planned. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, this change in our application was accepted. We are now second in line to receive a family on the Diocesan list.
3. Garden Party – Plans for the Garden Party are progressing well. We have confirmation of the bouncies and the fireworks. We are offering a healthy option for food this year. People will have the option of a salad instead of fries with the combo and we will be selling veggies and dip.  
 The donation trees will be out this weekend in time for the Mother's Day Tea. Announcements will be done at all Masses. We are also asking for donations for the Silent Auction. Raffle tickets are being printed and will be ready to go by May 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be handed out at the Masses as we did last year.  
 The poster has been designed and is ready to go. We will put this out in June and send a digital copy to the school so they can put it in their newsletter. The event has been added to the Record Events page and we will contact the Observer to put it in their paper closer to the date.
4. Ministry Volunteers are needed at the 5 p.m. Mass. Please consider volunteering to help at this Mass.
5. Summer Mass Weekend Schedule – The Summer Weekend Mass Schedule begins on May 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>. Mass will be Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. until the week after Thanksgiving.

6. Parish Council Nominations – We are looking for two people to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a two year term.
7. Safety Concerns – Concern was expressed concerning the hose that is on the sidewalk. A hose reel will be purchased so the hose can be off the sidewalk.

Also, 5 p.m. Hospitality Ministers are asked to turn the lights on in the hallway so people can find the washroom. Also, a sign should be put up as well.

8. Parish Council Year End Barbeque – On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the church, outgoing and incoming members and their spouses are joining for an evening of food and fellowship. Meat will be provided and the members are asked to bring either a salad or dessert.
9. Date to Note:  
Garden Party – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> & Vacation Bible School – July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
10. Council discussed health issues regarding the portable. The various groups of the parish are asked to let the parish office know what they have in the portable. Options are being considered to meet health standards.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Our Father

**NEXT MEETING:** Barbeque on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT**...submitted by Mary Jane Yaeger

Thank you to all those who attended the Funeral Planning Information Night held on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We had 40 people in attendance. Grace Maher from Dreisinger Funeral Home presented important information and answered many questions. Donna Vollmer, Parish Secretary, presented the Liturgical Funeral Planning section of our evening. Again, great information. There was much discussion and we hope everyone went home with all the information they need to complete their Information Sheets. If anyone would like the information that was distributed that evening, please see Donna in the church office.

Our Mother's Day Tea is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

The 96th Annual Diocesan Convention is taking place on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Kitchener.

The June Potluck is taking place on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with the potluck to follow.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT**...submitted by Ray Denomme

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the altar servers from St. Teresa of Avila and St. Clement Church for the great service they provide to their churches. To all the volunteers that helped with the bowling on April 16, 2016 – thank you.

Thank you Brother Knights for volunteering your time on April 2, 2016 at the Maple Syrup Festival. We again had a very successful event. Once again, the Knights of Columbus will do a Maple Sausage and Maple Burger fundraiser for the BBQ season. Each box will be 10 lbs and cost \$45.00. Please pick up a form at the parish office.

Notice to 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights from council 8192: your Faithful Navigator, Ed Langlois, is holding the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at our Church, St. Teresa of Avila. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

The next general meeting is on May 19, 2016 at Ron Stemmler's place, executive at 6:30 p.m. and general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Elections will be held for the executive positions this night. This will be followed by our traditional chili and fellowship evening.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, June 2, 2016 for the Knights of Columbus