

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## Tuesday, October 4, 2016

**Present:** Tim Baillargeon, Lisa Denomme, Peggy Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter, Father David Lewis, Marty Merlihan, Phil Milan, Iris Miltenburg and Andrea Visneskie and Dan Ziegler

**Regrets:** Barb Vodicka

**OPENING PRAYER** – Peggy Kelly

Approval of minutes – Peggy Kelly and second Marianne Kieswetter

- 1) Website report submitted by Barb Vodicka  
Emily, our web designer, has been busy adding updates for all events coming up and the Mass times were changed. I encourage all the council members to check out the website and let me know if you have any suggestions or feedback. I would like to suggest that when announcements are made at Mass that we say at the end that details can be found in the bulletin or on our website [www.stteresaelmira.ca](http://www.stteresaelmira.ca). The website is not able to be on the sign every week but will be put on when it there is room available.
- 2) Outreach Ministry Report – Marty Merlihan  
Marty spoke at all the Masses. Barnswallow place is reaching out to their residents. Other homes are also reaching out to their people. Father would like us to approach Chartwell and suggested we contact Vicki Rau.
- 3) Syrian Sponsorship Ministry Report – Marty Merlihan  
October 12<sup>th</sup> will be the 12<sup>th</sup> week since we have received approval. Our family may be coming soon.
- 4) Sign ministry Report  
The Sign Ministry has two new volunteers. A dish and cloth has been purchased to make sure the sign remains clean.
- 5) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar – Lisa Denomme  
Staples has the best deal. Lisa is working on the calendar at this time and hoping to still include pictures of new stations of the cross.
- 6) 40 Days for Life – Marianne Kieswetter  
We need more volunteers to sign up. Please consider signing up for our 40 Days for Life Adopted Day on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) Weekend Mass Times  
A unanimous decision was made by Parish Council to maintain the present Mass schedule of Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- 8) Adoration (October–May) – Fridays 9:15 a.m.–12 Noon and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 6 p.m.–9 p.m.  
The first 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Adoration is October 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets will go out on the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the Friday night adoration. Please sign the sheets.
- 9) Quest Follow-up - This is going to be discussed next month.

10) Christmas Fundraising Dinner

This will be held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

11) Connection between church and school – Iris Miltenburg

Iris reported that school visits will begin this week. Preparation for First Reconciliation will begin October 16<sup>th</sup> for 6 consecutive Sundays and First Reconciliation is Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. School Masses are planned with the teacher responsible and Gary Broderick of our parish supporting the school music ministry. The school fundraiser is an excellent one "Fresh from the Farm." Food bank may also benefit.

12) Deanery Meeting

Director of Education was there and mentioned they are featuring a school per week on their website.

**NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS** - Lisa Denomme

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Peggy Kelly

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Our Council joined St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener for our annual visit to the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Father Dave and Father Brendan McGrath concelebrated Mass at 5:00 p.m. at the monastery and then we travelled to Kennedy's Restaurant in St. Agatha for dinner. Everyone enjoyed the time together.

During the month of October, the Catholic Women's League leads the rosary before the 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would be willing to lead starting at 4:40 p.m. or 9:10 a.m.

The October meeting is on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Alice Soeder and Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. will do a presentation on their trip to the Holy Land. *All parishioners* are welcome to attend.

We will be hosting the monthly birthday party at Chartwell Elmira Long Term Care Residence (Chateau Gardens) on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We supply the entertainment and then serve refreshments to the residents in attendance. If you can assist with this, please call.

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

On September 11<sup>th</sup> was the Installation of Officers. Thank you to Father David Lewis and the Fourth Degree Honour Guards for making this a special day for Council 8192. I would like to thank the ladies for helping to prepare for the fellowship after the service.

In memory of our late brother Knight, Ted Teahen, the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program raised \$100.00 this year. Please continue your support by placing your loose change and Canadian Tire money in the Knights' boxes in the Narthex.

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please volunteer your time and sign up in the church Narthex. Proceeds will go towards the new roof at St. Teresa of Avila Church.

Notice to Fourth Degree Knights in Council 8192, the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting is on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at our church, St. Teresa of Avila. Come out and meet your brother Sir Knights for fellowship and refreshments.

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Teresa of Avila library.