

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Present: Tim Baillargeon, Lisa Denomme, Marianne Kieswetter, Father David Lewis, Phil Milan, Andrea Visneskie, Barb Vodicka and Dan Ziegler

Absent - Peggy Kelly, Iris Miltenburg

OPENING PRAYER – Andrea Visneskie

Approval of Previous Minutes – Moved by Lisa Denomme and seconded by Andrea Visneskie

BUSINESS

St. Teresa of Avila Ministry for New Canadians Report – Marianne Kieswetter
Refugees are coming. A family of 3 (including a baby). Leaders having a meeting on April 9th and all involved on April 23rd. The Gleasons are offering their basement apartment.

Bulletin Question – Marianne Kieswetter

There was a suggestion of putting something light (joke or picture) in the square in the back. Unfortunately, this is a paid space and it is paid a year in advance. The back doesn't change every week.

Garden Party – Friday, June 9th - Lisa Denomme

The planning is going well. Prices are remaining the same for food. We decided due to lack of interest to no longer offer the healthy options feature. A reminder from the township that raffle tickets cannot be sold to people under the age of 18. Father Dave was wondering about the cost of getting a dunk tank. Will look into it.

Website and live Update – Barb Vodicka

A presentation of the website was done wherein we went through each page on the website so parish council could see what was on each page. Thought it was well laid out and organized. We had 275 visitors to the home page in the month of March. A few suggestions for the website are: A Life Changes page (with baptisms, weddings and obituaries); a vocation page; place St. David in the parish schools. Another suggestion was to take a screen shot of the home page and place it in the bulletin. The website address is www.stteresaelmira.ca.

Dates to note:

Garage Sale – Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th

Trees 4 Woolwich Church Challenge – Saturday, April 29th

Mother's Day Tea – Saturday, May 13th

Garden Party – Friday, June 9th

25th Anniversary & Summer BBQ – July 2, 2017

Vacation Bible School – July 17th to 21st

NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS - Phil Milan

CLOSING PRAYER – Andrea Visneskie

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 2, 2017

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT.....submitted by Mary Jane Yaeger
Thank you to the entire parish for all your donations for Monica Place. The baskets in the Narthex have been overflowing. We will have a guest speaker from Monica Place at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 11th following the 7:05 p.m. Mass. I am sure she will be overwhelmed with the response.

Stations of the Cross are being led by the Catholic Women's League for the residents at Chartwell Retirement Residence during Lent every Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m.

Please remember our GARAGE SALE on Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th when you are doing your spring cleaning and/or downsizing.

We have finalized plans for the WILLS AND POWER OF ATTORNEY INFORMATION EVENING. It will be held on Wednesday, April 26th in library at 7:00 p.m. Tracy Cronin, Lawyer, will be the presenter. All are welcome. Come with your questions/concerns.

The National Council of The Catholic Women's League is calling upon the power of prayer through **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on May 4, 2017. This is designed to take place as a powerful lead-in to the National Hospice Palliative Care Week of May 7 to 13, 2017, organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. It is hoped that all members will find some way to support this day of prayer, either on May 4th or on a day during the week of May 7th to 13th. The prayer can take place within a parish church, a home or elsewhere. St. Teresa of Avila Council will place a prayer card in a future bulletin with more information.

We are in the planning stages for the Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 13th.

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

Our Lenten Fish Fry on March 24, 2017 was a great success. Thank you for your support.

The Maple Syrup Festival on April 12, 2017 was also a great success. Thank you, Knights, for volunteering your time.

The Annual Charities Raffle tickets are now in. Please feel free to contact Guy Wakutz for tickets.

Rose Sunday is on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017. Knights from St. Teresa of Avila and St. Clement Church, please volunteer your time.

St. Teresa of Avila Annual Garden Party is on June 9, 2017. This is a parish event and the Knights of Columbus are asked to get involved with the set-up on June 8th and help on June 9, 2017. Please volunteer your time for this special event.