

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Present: Tim Baillargeon, Lisa Denomme, Peggy Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter, Father David Lewis, Marty Merlihan, Phil Milan, Barb Vodicka, Andrea Visneskie and guest, Kris Kauk

Regrets: Iris Miltenburg, Dan Ziegler

OPENING PRAYER – Marianne Kieswetter

Approval of Previous Minutes–Motion by Phil Milan, seconded by Tim Baillargeon

BUSINESS

1. Welcome new members – Marianne welcomed the new members.
2. Finance Committee Representative – Kris Kauk
Kris talked about the potential continuation of one Mass on Sunday morning. General financial update is that we are doing okay. Some big expenses such as the roof has taken away our buffer zone which they are hoping to try to rebuild this year. The Finance Committee is concerned about the HVAC. It is very old and breaking down. This will need to be replaced. The furnaces are also getting old. Finance will go to vendors to get a series of quotes from fixing existing to replacing both. Will collect quotes over the next few months. Look for an update from this from the Finance Committee.
We now have a separate Syrian Sponsorship account.
3. Confirm Updated 2016-2017 Parish Council Members is correct.
4. Chairperson and Secretary for Parish Council - Andrea Visneskie is the chairperson and Lisa Denomme is the secretary.
5. Website – update – The website is back up and running. Events have been updated. There have been a good number of hits on the website and much positive feedback. Google Business is updated so that when you google St. Teresa of Avila Elmira our website shows up. Father David will provide an update to the history of our church. Geoff Maher will provide updated pictures of the church to be placed on the website. Would like to see the website address added to our church sign in front.
6. St. Teresa Syrian Sponsorship Ministry Report – Marty Merlihan - The Lead Team met on August 8th and we have a family of 4 (2 parents, 2 young children) coming soon. The committee is ready with a plan in place for when the family arrives. They can arrive at any time.
7. Sign Ministry – Marty Merlihan – We have 6 people committed to changing the sign every week. The Psalm is up every week on one side and the church information is up on the other side. The community looks to that sign. The ministry is in need of 2 more people to help. Marty will train them. Must be able to change the sign on Monday or after church on Sunday. Mary Untier of Knots is the Patron Saint of this Ministry.
8. Outreach Ministry – Marty Merlihan – At the weekend Masses on September 24th and 25th Marty will speak ask parishioners for names of people who will benefit from visits from the Outreach ministers. There will also be a flyer in all of the bulletins. This is the 3rd season for this ministry.
9. 25th Anniversary Fundraising Calendar - Lisa Denomme – 2017 is the 25th Anniversary of the church at its present location. To commemorate the event it was suggested we put out

a calendar. It will be filled with pictures from the church and filled with important dates to our church. It was suggested we get quotes for every month as well. Lisa will look into that.

10. 40 Days for Life – St. Teresa of Avila Sponsored Day – Marianne Kieswetter – Our parish date is a Monday, October 17th this year. Donna will place an announcement on the commentator sheet. Marianne will speak at all Masses closer to the date. Marianne will send the information to Barb for inclusion on the website.
11. Weekend Mass Schedule – Discussed the idea of having only one Mass on Sundays. Ideas discussed: A concern was raised about whether it will be too crowded during days of Sacramental preparation. The 11 a.m. choir would be willing to sing at the 5 p.m. Mass. It went to a vote:
 - a. How many in favour of continuing a 9am and 11am Mass on Sunday – 0 in favour.
 - b. How many in favour of 1 Saturday mass and 1 Sunday Mass – all in favour.
 - c. How many in favour of leaving the Sunday Mass at 9:30 – all in favour.
 - d. If it is doesn't work we can revisit the discussion at another time.
12. Adoration (October – May)

Fridays 9:15 a.m. – 12 Noon & 3rd Fridays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. It will be put on the website.
13. Holy Doors at Sacred Heart Parish – Father Dave – The date is Friday, October 7th and there is an agenda. There will be a sign up sheet for this event and supper to follow. Andrea will put out a sign-up sheet for this event.
14. Quest – Father Dave – Bible study perhaps on a Thursday morning on the upcoming readings for the Sunday.

NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS - Peggy Kelly

CLOSING PRAYER – Our Father

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 4th

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

September comes and just like the students "back to school" the members of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League are back as well.

Thank you to those who attended our evening with Morgan Glofcheskie, one of our World Youth Day Pilgrims. Morgan showed her pictures and souvenirs and talked about their pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day. She added her personal touches to her presentation and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our Council will be joining St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener for our annual visit to Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha on Tuesday, September 20th. We will celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m. at the monastery and then have dinner at Kennedy's Restaurant in St. Agatha at 6:00 p.m. Meet in our church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. and we will carpool. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to attend.

The October meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT...submitted by Ray Denomme

Welcome back, Brother Knights, to another fraternal year. Please welcome our new Phil Milan. Special thanks to Paul Shuttsa and Diane Smith for a wonderful BBQ and swim at their place on June 2nd.

Council 8192 finished the last fraternal year in great fashion. The aftermarket from the maple burgers and sausages raised \$500 for the Ft. McMurray Relief Fund. 15 Brother Knights volunteered over 66 hours to the St. Teresa of Avila Garden Party on June 16th and 17th. Two Brother Knights flipped over 200 burgers for the St. Teresa of Avila School Family night BBQ on June 21st. Thanks to Steve Pond and Elmira BIA, 9 Knights volunteered 36 hours controlling traffic at the 3rd Annual Antique and Classic Car Show on August 5th.

Upcoming events include our Fish Fry on October 14, 2016. We will need many volunteers to make this happen. Please sign up. On Sunday, October 16th, the Bishops dinner will be held at Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall, Guelph. Tickets are limited.