

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

OPENING PRAYER – Father Peter Meyer

Present: Annamae Elliott, Ken Gallipeau, Deana Pfanner Groves, Dan Lauzon,
 Fr. Peter Meyer, Iris Miltenburg and Debbie Yutzi

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Iris Miltenburg and seconded by Ken
 Gallipeau.

BUSINESS

1. Food Truck Update – They are running until Friday October 29th. For the month of October they will alternate each week between Elmira Pentecostal Assembly and Gale Presbyterian.
 Oct 1st–EPA Oct 8th–Gale Oct 15th–EPA Oct 22nd–Gale Oct 29th–EPA
2. Gift Card Fundraiser Update – The occasional order is still coming through. With Christmas approaching, it's a great time to purchase them as gifts. Barb Vodicka may give more information at a presentation at the Masses. It has gone into the bulletin, facebook and on our website but should be done again. So far we have raised \$187.33 from gift card sales from 34 orders. Imagine what we could do if more people ordered not only for gifts but ordered each month for groceries, Tim Hortons, etc. It's so easy to order and to use!
3. Year of St. Joseph Update – The Year of St. Joseph ends on December 8th. St. Joseph Prayer Cards will either be handed out or put into the church bulletin. We will be getting books for the library on St. Joseph.
4. Sacramental Preparation Update – All classes for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation were completed by the students in the spring. Due to restrictions these sacraments were rescheduled for the fall. We have now completed all of the sacraments. A mini-retreat for the Grade 2s was held on September 29th where we brought the children and parents to the church for a short tour (sitting in their seat) and the children's First Reconciliation. First Communion was held on two weekends, September 25/26 and October 2/3. Confirmation was held on September 23rd with Father Peter officiating. This was not a Mass but a liturgy which was very nice. The young people had an enrolment ceremony at a meeting on September 21st and they received a prayer shawl from the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Many comments were shared about how nice this was. Baptism continues to be fairly busy as we can only baptize one child at a time. We have three in the next couple of Sundays after Thanksgiving. Father Peter and I can now go into the school to visit the classrooms and meet with the children. All protocols are in place. Our first visit is to be Friday, October 15th for St. Teresa's Feast Day. They will now be allowed to come for School Masses in small groups and so we are looking at an Advent Mass to welcome them back. Father Peter will be in contact with the chaplain at St. David's about visiting there as well.

5. C.W.L. Report – We are slowly starting up again. An Executive meeting is being held on October 12th. November 9th will be our first General meeting in the church. Hopefully the ladies feel comfortable coming out as we have a lot of information to be voted on in person. We are working on a calendar of events for 2021/2022. The first event is a Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 21st at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The remaining events will be finalized after the Executive meeting. It is also an election year so we are asking if anyone wants to stand for an Executive position to let Barb Vodicka know.
6. Knights of Columbus Report – The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is donating \$1000 a year to One Heart One Soul Campaign. Our Council is looking into running a take-out dinner hopefully this fall. We are waiting on word from the Health Department. We are also looking into having a Memorial Mass in January 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Parish Pastoral Council – We are looking for a Youth person to join the Parish Council. We welcome Annamae Elliott as chairperson and Debbie Yutzi as secretary.
8. Bill Ridley, First Nations – Bill has spoken with Father Peter. He goes to 7th Generation House and is a positive person who was raised Catholic. He is a 60s scoop child and was adopted out to a non-indigenous family. We would like to invite Bill to speak to help Educate and Learn. His topic would be “would you listen to me”.
9. Touchless Holy Water Font – This is offered through the Diocese and will be discussed further at another time. The general assessment by Parish Council is that they all feel safe in church.
10. Feast of St. Teresa – This is taking place next weekend, October 16/17. There will be special music and readings that pertain to St. Teresa. Come and celebrate the Feast of the Patron Saint of our Parish, St. Teresa.
11. Christmas Turkey Dinner – Barb Vodicka is willing to organize a Christmas Turkey Take-Out Dinner from Grill on the Green. It will be on Saturday, December 11th with pickup from 4-7 p.m. Prices will be coming soon. A portion goes to the church as a donation.
12. Spaghetti Dinner – There was also discussion regarding having a Spaghetti Dinner sometime in the future.
13. Food Drive – The Food Drive at St. Teresa’s Church is running from October 1st to October 31st. St. Teresa’s School is also having a food drive.

CLOSING PRAYER – Iris Miltenburg

NEXT MEETING – November 16, 2021