

St. Patrick Fallowfield
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes: May 23, 2019
All Members Present

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes of the April 23 meeting

Approval of Agenda (4 additional items were added under new business)

Parish Calendar: Groups within the parish responsible for hosting significant events throughout the liturgical year have been contacted regarding the 2019-2020 calendar. Social events hosted by someone other than the establish groups will also be included. In collaboration with the office staff, the purpose of the initiative is two-fold; to determine if each event is in line with the Parish Vision Statement and to put together a solid comprehensive calendar free of conflicts.

Social events: Three events are planned. Ideas to bring together Separated and Divorced Catholics of the parish are being considered.

Easter and Lenten Celebrations: The Liturgy committee reviewed and evaluated events and operations surrounding the Easter Triduum and reported being satisfied overall. Going forward, the committee will meet in September and early November. It was also reported by a council member that two firemen attending Easter Sunday morning Mass were overheard discussing the overcrowding in the church. The conversation included the fact that there would be a \$5,000 fine if an official in the Ottawa Fire Department was made aware of it. Ideas as to how to address the issue are being researched.

Parish Council Meeting May 30: It was decided that the Chairperson of the Pastoral council would be the person to share the information regarding its past, present and future initiatives, with representatives of the other Ministries at the joint meeting.

AGM: It was decided that the Chairperson of the Pastoral Council would present what has been accomplished, and what is being planned for the coming year to parishioners.

Two agenda items were held over until the June meeting:

1. Parish Survey: **Father Paul**

- A) What have the Pastoral Council members found to be Actionable results
- B) What steps will the Pastoral Council take to act on these?

2. Year 2 of the 5-Year Plan: **Father Paul**

- A) Any changes, additions, subtractions?
- B) How is the Pastoral Council promoting the Vision and Purpose statements in the parish/to parishioners?

New Business:

- a. It was reported that parishioners are asking about the absence of change tables in the church and hall. As an action item, a quote on the purchase of change tables will be obtained.
- b. A representative from a group called the "Neo-Catechumenal Way" contacted the parish office asking if we would be interested in introducing and establishing this renewal movement at St. Patrick Parish.
- c. A representative from a group promoting Perpetual Adoration, contacted the parish office asking if we would want their help and guidance for establishing prolonged periods (perpetual, i.e. 24/7) of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick.
- d. A person who sells handicrafts from the Holy Land contacted the Parish asking permission to do so at St. Patrick's.
- e. Father Paul contacted the first two groups and said no thank you. He contacted the seller of handicrafts from the Holy Land and said not at this time.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2019 7 p.m.