

Meeting of Pastoral Council
November 22, 2018
7:30 pm.

In attendance; Fr. Paul Shepherd, Lucy Gorman, Mary Jane McAuley, Bob Hoganson, Anna Marie Young, Allen Galachiuk Absent; Suzan Light.

Fr. Paul called for agenda items and the following was put forward:

Open house
Survey
Liturgy committee

Open House:

November 27

The format will be the following; welcome and thanks to all for coming. Fr. Paul will introduce Divine Renovation. There will be opportunities for questions and discussions and a break for refreshments. Pastoral council and leadership team will be present.

Survey:

Sub-committee members discussed the final details, including how many should be printed. An introduction and explanation will be added to the top of the page. Everything has been sent to Heather. On December 1-2nd parishioners will be given the opportunity to fill out the survey before and after mass, as well as on the website. Survey closes December 16.

Leadership Team;

Members of the newly formed Leadership team will be introduced at all masses on November 24 and 25.

Lucy reported that on November 3rd parishioners involved in various church ministries were invited to and attended a talk by Ms. Heather Reed. Ms. Reed is an expert and teacher with a Masters in Liturgy. 12 people attended. Following the meeting Lucy invited those in attendance attend the first Liturgy Committee meeting.

Action Items from Liturgy Committee;

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, choirs will sing or perform instrumental music before mass. Another change taking place on the first Sunday of Advent is that Lector's will now wait for the congregation to sit down before proceeding to the podium. Following each reading, lector's will pause for 10-15 seconds giving the congregation time to reflect on what they heard.

In addition, there will be a sign-up sheet for parishioners to take part in the Advent procession. It was suggested that we need a better cross section of people participating.

The liturgy committee will do an evaluation in January and begin to look at things proposed by the Pastoral Council coming out of Divine Renovation.

Social Committee:

Allen reported that he had a meeting with 10 people. They said they want to bring fellowship back into the church, and discussed possible options for doing so including; religious talks, retreats, dances, more coffee Sundays, Shrove Tuesday, “fun days”, trivia night, paint night and barbecues.

The question was asked, how do we get people to attend? One of the ways suggested is by personal invitation.

Allen also said that he would like the procession to children’s liturgy to be handled differently, with the priest gathering them at the front and saying a prayer/blessing.

Next meeting: January 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.