

ST. PATRICK PARISH FALLOWFIELD

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

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

Opening Prayer

Approval of the agenda

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Mass – Sermon of Apology; Father Shepherd received very good comments following this very personal apology during his homily. Others around the table also added their personal comments and reported that they had heard positive comments as well.

Finance update: Question- How are we getting on? Is the year going well? Are we getting a sense of how things are going?

Some are reporting that parishioners are asking when « things » are going to be repaired, or what are we collecting? Or again, have we received any large donations?

These questions and others point to the notion that it would be important that there be more dialogue, more exchanges between the P.C. and the Finance Council. Some suggested that we all meet on a quarterly basis to share information, to explain what each group's plans might be. This information is important to parishioners. We recommend that we all make a greater effort to get it to them in a timely manner.

Other Items;

Shrove Tuesday: The Knights of Columbus will not be taking this on in 2019. The Social Committee has taken it on instead.

The February Dance is also cancelled.

It is pointed out that it is important that the K. of C., the C.W.L. and the Social Committee meet with Heather A. to outline their calendars of appointments with her. This will make it much easier for her to accept bookings for the hall when she knows what dates are already taken.

Introduction of Council Members: It is decided that Pastoral Council members are to be introduced to the parish at all three Masses on the 12th and 13th of January, 2019.

Annual General Meeting: We all agree that there should be an AGM and the Council will set one up in 2019.

There is some discussion about doubling this meeting up with our Volunteer Appreciation evening. We would hold the AGM at 7 p.m., followed by the volunteer appreciation gathering. One suggested date is June 6 at 7 p.m. followed by the said appreciation. Further discussion will be required.

Parish Leadership Team: Father Shepherd explains the differences between the roles of the Pastoral Council and the Leadership Team. He refers to the Divine Renovation Guidebook and the differences Fr. Mallon has drawn between the two groups.

The Pastoral Council should have some awareness of what changes have been made. We should have a model of the reporting structure, i.e. the Leadership Team vs. Pastoral Council.

Fr. Shepherd speaks of the information which he will make available to the parish on the 10th and 11th of November. This is to give them an idea of what the Pastoral Council has worked on for the last two years as well as the inception of the L.T.

On the Tuesday, November 27, there will be a general meeting to which all parishioners are invited. Father Shepherd will explain the changes and answer questions that those in attendance may have.

Fr. Shepherd raises another point that Fr. Mallon discusses in his Guidebook: that of holding P. C. meetings every two months. He asks us to give it some thought. We will discuss it again at a later time.

Survey update. The information will soon be attached.

It is important that we put a notice in the Bulletin to let people know that there is a survey coming on December 1st. This information will also be announced verbally on at least two week-ends prior to the December 1.

It will be important that the lettering be bold so that people realize how important this exercise is for the parish.

Other business: The Liturgy Committee item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Lucy Gorman