



ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – October 14, 2019

Elected Members Present: Deborah Harrison, Peter Adams, Pam Vogt, Ross Terranova

Elected Members Absent: Kevin Maher, Kevin Green, Lourdes Eyer, Christine Forbes

Ex-Officio Members Present: Fr. Sean Harlow, O. Carm., Deacon Carl Locatelli, Deacon Michael McCabe

Recording Secretary: Deborah Botti

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Parish Members Present: Mary McCabe

The meeting began with prayer at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2019, were accepted once there was a quorum present.

The following updates were given:

Ministry Reports:

Administration & Stewardship:

Nothing to report.

Education & Faith Formation:

Nothing to report.

Christian Services:

Nothing to report.

Social Activities:

About 110 people enjoyed a picnic-perfect weather at the Town of Crawford Park. There was food galore thanks to Rick and Julie Dzurilla and their team; the younger set enjoyed myriad games; Deacon Michael survived mummification; and four raffle winners were selected – all against a backdrop of music provided by Don Swanerbury.

Worship & Spiritual Life:

- Potential candidates for the upcoming Parish Council election will be advised of their nomination by phone. Those who accept will be announced in the bulletin. There are three seats to fill and not a huge number of nominees. If only three accept, there will be no need for an election.
- After the basketball hoop was purchased and while installation was being discussed, the youth minister was alerted to the fact that town approval might be required – which it was. Following an appearance before the Board, during which information about the location of the hoop was supplied among other information, the Town of Crawford gave its approval.
- On October 25, the Youth Ministry will host a Harvest Festival featuring a Trunk or Treat that is family-friendly and faith-themed.

Vicar's Report (Fr. Sean Harlow, O. Carm.)

- The increased giving campaign – prompted by the decrease in the offertory - kicked off the weekend of September 14-15. There could have been better attendance that weekend. However, factoring in the rhythms of online giving, the first weekend of the month tends to be higher in terms of contributions. So we might not really see the impact of the campaign until early November.

Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harrison)

Nothing additional to report.

Other Business

The bulk of the meeting was spent contemplating ways to help a parishioner in need.

The meeting closed at 7:40 p.m. with prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Botti