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Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Friday May 3, 2024

Attendance: Robin Sander (chair), Fr Matthew Ramsay, Bronwynn Cutts, Bev Canaday, Heather Hickey (recording secretary), Andrew Hunt, Len Florizone, Mary Jayne Lozada, Fr Arnold Bolima

Regrets: Dean Schmidt, Stephen Arugay, Don Griffith,

Meeting call to order at 7:12pm

Introduction:

1. Opening prayer and discussion

Reflection from upcoming Gospel (John 15.9-17)

2. Approval of April minutes and matters arising from minutes.

Bronwynn provided minor corrections via email.

Robin motioned to approve April minutes. Bronwynn seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Agenda review

Fr Matthew added a letter from the guy who vandalized the windows summer 2023 to the agenda.

Fr Arnold to added Corpus Christi procession to the agenda.

Bronwynn added a piano comment.

Robin motioned to approve agenda. Bronwynn seconded.

Main goals:

4. Continue Sanctuary discussion and view design images

Father Matthew presented 4 designs. Two from the committee and two outside members with professional experience in architecture/interior design are creating sketches.

The Sanctuary team would like to display in the hall and have the parish rank them from best to worst at a future date.

Extended discussion about the current images.

Action Item: *Father Matthew will look into having them ready for the AGM weekend (May 25-26). He will announce it the weekend before (May 18-19)*

5. Planning AGM

May 26th, 1-3pm

Lunch provided.

Financial Report by the Finance Committee.

Sanctuary Images presented that weekend and brought into the meeting. Seek feedback about how to go forward with the process of making a decision. Briefly mention the chapel plans.

COVID discussion: are our numbers and activities back to where they were before COVID-19? Opportunity to discuss this topic.

Father Matthew will present an overview of what activities are happening in the parish in light of our parish mission. Invite the various ministries to attend.

Action Item: *Robin will email Dean to invite him to create a plan sanctuary decision making. Email Robin if you want to be part of this planning. Bronwynn and Len expressed interest. Will continue the discussion in email.*

Action Item: *Robin will pick up Quiznos party platters for lunch (order for 50).*

Smaller goals:

6. Election and shoulder tapping

Action Item: Father Matthew will print out nomination forms for this weekend (May 4/5)

7. Justice and Peace: Barb is unable to attend May meeting and asking if we can fit her into shortened June meeting

Purpose to help them figure out where they fit within the parish. Looking for guidance.

Father Matthew suggested we table it until the fall to align with when they have more activities

Action Item: Robin will email Barb to request we move it to the fall meeting. Will suggest she write a letter to explain her goals first.

8. Letter from person who vandalized church

The person who vandalized the parish last year wrote Fr Matthew a letter apologizing for breaking our windows. Said it was not an act of hatred towards our parish.

Action Item: Fr Matthew will respond with a letter of forgiveness with an invitation to meet in person. Acknowledge the courage it takes to write it and to face mental health challenges. Include a comment about how we walk with people facing mental health challenges. He will sign the letter on behalf of the parish council.

Action Item: Father Matthew will post an excerpt in the bulletin.

9. Corpus Christi Procession

Fr Arnold will be leading an outdoor Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (June 2) following 11am Mass. The procession is an extension of the Mass. The altar servers will lead us out, followed by First Communion children sprinkling flower petals, then the priests with Jesus in the Monstrance with a canopy, then the readers, then the choir, and then the parish community. There will be three altars (stations) as part of the procession where we'll stop for prayers. Ends with a final blessing in the church.

This is an old Catholic tradition that we haven't been doing at St Anne's, but it common throughout the Catholic church. Fr Arnold is incorporating some elements from his hometown in the Philippines which includes bringing a harvest offering. Here at St Anne's, we'll do this by inviting everyone to bring an item for the food bank as an action of loving our neighbours.

10. Piano

Bronwynn has a connection with someone from the Saskatoon Library who said the library has a grand piano that they don't know what to do with when they build a new library.

Action Item: Fr Matthew and Bronwynn will connect with Ken Nietz to look into it further.

11. June meeting - location and time (bring snack to share)

Next meeting is June 6th at Fr Matthew's house. Potluck snacks to follow.

Closing

12. Action items review

Action Item 1: Father Matthew will look into having the design photos ready for the AGM weekend (May 25-26). He will announce it the weekend before (May 18-19)

Action Item 2: Robin will email Dean to invite him to create a sanctuary decision making plan. Email Robin if you want to be part of this planning. Bronwynn and Len expressed interest. Will continue the discussion in email.

Action Item 3: Robin will pick up Quiznos party platters for AGM lunch (order for 50).

Action Item 4: Father Matthew will print out PPC nomination forms for this weekend (May 4/5)

Action Item 5: Robin will email Barb to request we move her meeting to the fall meeting. Will suggest she write a letter to explain her goals first.

Action Item 6: Fr Matthew will respond to vandal's letter the with a letter of forgiveness with an invitation to meet in person. He will sign the letter on behalf of the parish council.

Action Item 7: Father Matthew will post an excerpt from the vandal's letter in the bulletin.

Action Item 8: Fr Matthew and Bronwynn will connect with Ken Nietz to look into the piano further.

13. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Mass Attendance Tracker

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	861	924		376	655	702
February	841	934		502	623	815
March	938	726		517	717	758
April	1061			663	788	820
May	925			533	736	
June	895			542	656	
July	762		372	461	514	
August	762		441	462	576	
September	857		461	483	684	
October	966		421	591	695	
November	934		469	596	726	
December	943		517	816	747	
Average	895	861	447	545	676	702

