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By Pastoral Council
November 3, 2022



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Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:00 p.m. CST

Meeting Location: KCWL Forum: in person meeting

	Attending	Regrets
Pastoral Council Members		Members
Father Matthew, Pastor	Heather Hickey, recording secretary	Don Griffith, Vice-Chair
Bronwynn Cutts, Chair	Jhoana Bernarte (online)	Chad Sawatsky
Val Stone	Dean Schmidt	Reylan Lozada
Robin Sander		Len Florizone
Pastoral Council Resources and Guests		Resources
None.		

Meeting commenced at approximately 7:05 p.m. CST.

1. Opening Prayer

Father opened with prayer from the Sunday Gospel and led members through gospel reflections.

2. Approval of Agenda

Revisions to the agenda were noted as a new logo. One addition was requested, to add an item called “Parishioner request”.

The Chair brought forward the decision item to approve the Draft October 6, 2022 Agenda, as amended. Hearing no further revisions, the motion to approve the agenda as amended was voted on. The vote was concluded as all in favour with not abstentions or objections, and carried as unanimous. The motion was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chair brought forward the decision item to approve the Draft September 1, 2022 Minutes, as presented. Hearing none, the motion was voted on. The vote was concluded as all in favour with not abstentions or objections, and carried as unanimous. The motion was approved.

4. Policy and Procedures Document Final Review and Decision

- a. Motion to Approve ‘Policy and Procedures for Pastoral Council’

Father Matthew presented the Pastoral Council Policy and Procedures document from Feb 2022, based on the Diocese of Saskatoon Guidelines for PPC of Saint Anne’s, for review and discussion. Suggested revisions were noted as:

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- The Volunteer Coordinator (Heather) will post minutes on the website and on the bulletin board after they are approved at each meeting.
- Father Matthew will check the website to confirm the website makes it clear that the minutes are available anyone is welcome to attend meetings.
- Dean would like to make sure it is also posted somewhere that is not online (bulletin) for the aging population and those without access to technology.
- Dean will write a segment about PPC meetings/minutes for the bulletin.
- Father Matthew will find/clarify the PPC email address so there is one email address.

5. Vice-Chair Role

The Chair brought forward the decision item to appoint the Vice-Chair role, as discussed at the October meeting. Confirmation was provided that Don Griffith had requested to step down from this role as he cannot be available to step into the Chair role in June 2023. On conclusion of the discussions on those available and willing to take this one, Robin Sander confirmed he is willing and available and Dean Schmidt noted he would be willing to let his name stand for Vice-Chair when Robin takes on the Chair role after June 2023. By acclamation, Robin Sander became the Vice-Chair of the Saint Anne Pastoral Council.

<u>St. Anne Pastoral Council Recommendation</u>		
Motion(s) & Result		
<i>All in favour / none opposed/no abstention</i>	<i>Carried</i>	<i>Unanimous</i>
UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and carried unanimously, it was		
RESOLVED that the St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council accept the resignation of Don Griffith from the Vice-Chair role on Pastoral Council, effective October 1, 2022.		
AND		
RESOLVED that the St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council approve Robin Sander, as Vice-Chair of the Saint Anne Pastoral Council, who offers themselves for appointment effective October 1, 2022.		

6. State of the Parish

Father Matthew provided data on Mass attendance over 2018 to 2022 for discussion and feedback. The numbers from post-covid are lower than prior to the lockdown. (2018: 750-1000 people and 2022: 350-600 people). Member comments were noted as:

- Val inquired on the response to the 10am Summer Mass schedule. Father Matthew said informally there was positive response. Heather mentioned a survey she included in MSP. 80% liked it. 10% indifferent, and 10% didn't like it.
- Bronwynn questioned whether other parishes had similar return rates. Father Matthew noted that we don't have that data.

- Dean questioned whether each Mass times had similar return rates. Father Matthew noted that 11am was slower to return, but it is now starting to getting numbers back up.
- Bronwynn wondered if there was a change in demographics at our parish. Father Matthew mentioned that he hasn't noticed specifically.

7. Committee Updates

The Chair brought forward the information item to update on parish Committees.

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee. Father Matthew mentioned our first refugee family from Afghanistan has arrived. It is a mother and a daughter. He thanked the Refugee Committee, as led by Carmen Koss, noting that a lot of work has been done to help them arrive. The mother and daughter have shown interest in taking RCIA through St Anne's parish. Father Matthew is very cautious because he doesn't want them to feel obligated or out of gratitude for coming here. But they will work with the RCIA committee to discern the process.

The Truth & Reconciliation Committee (TRC) is moving towards outreach. They have connected with CUMFI (Central Urban Metis Federation Incorporated). This group focusses on youth and elders in particular. They also have drug rehab centres. Father Matthew has spoken with a rep from this group who is Métis and Catholic. They expressed interest in a partnership with the TRC. Father Matthew won't enter into a formal partnership without approval of the PPC.

The TRC have requested that a land acknowledgement is added before every Mass and in the bulletin. Father Matthew mentioned including in the Eucharistic Prayer at the previous Mass. Father Matthew opened the discussion. Val liked it in the bulletin and occasionally before Mass. Bronwynn expressed a strong positive support of land acknowledgements. Dean liked it in the Eucharistic Prayer but felt it could be tokenistic without more personalizing or explaining. He thought it needed to be done with more thought and explanation. Dean liked the idea coming from discussions to incorporate the land acknowledgment into the Prayers of the Faithful as a more meaningful way of acknowledging it. The Chair concluded discussions, suggesting that the council reflect and discern how we want to move forward with a land acknowledgement. This item will be revised at our next or at a later PPC meeting.

8. Parishioner Request

The Chair brought forward the added agenda item, Parishioner Request, inviting Father Matthew to provide the information and lead the discussions. A parishioner who is waiting for hip surgery and has not been able to attend Mass. He is running a fundraiser to pay for a chair lift in his home and requested that a link to the GoFundMe is provided in the bulletin. Father Matthew brought up a previous PPC decision when they needed to decide what to do about people wanting to get support for NET or St Therese. The conclusion / decision on this at a previous PPC was to support outreach but not future schooling. Bronwynn was very hesitant because it could set a precedent,

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noting with the setting or parameters, there could be support for this type of thing. Val wondered if it opened the door too much. Robyn expressed concern for GoFundMe as a company in general. Dean agreed with the concern. Wondered if there was another venue to support these fundraisers. Suggested a “virtual bulletin board” so it wasn’t an official St Anne’s endorsement. Robyn questioned if this was a common concern or request. Father Matthew confirmed he does not receive many such requests. Bronwynn suggested potentially bringing this question to the greater parish through the bulletin. Heather mentioned that Erin (Office Coordinator) gets personal requests for bulletin items on a regular basis. Dean wondered how we address these personal requests. People may want a way serve our various parishioners in need. Bronwynn wondered how we can live out our mission to serve our parishioners. Father Matthew summarized by suggesting either he informally spread the news to people who know the parishioner, or that we create a space (bulletin board) for personal needs. Dean suggested directing them to the KofC to spread the word. The general decision was to try creating space for a bulletin board for requests.

Action: Father Matthew will talk to Erin about a personal announcement bulletin board and bring it forward at our next meeting.

9. Strategic Planning for 2022-2023

Father Matthew talked about the book the St Anne’s Staff is reading “Discerning God’s Will Together” by Ruth Haley Barton. Father Matthew discussed how the staff is discussing how to make the mission statement of the parish more active in our parish. Father Matthew presented a “discipleship path” based on Diocesan Admin Days. What does it look like, practically, at our parish? “Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.”

Due to timing, we will discuss this further at our next meeting. Members were asked to discern and consider on the information provided for the next meeting.

Action: Bring forward the Strategic Planning exercise at next meeting.

10. Action Items Review & Next Meeting

The actions items resulting from this meeting were verbally reviewed. Reminder of the next meeting was noted as Thursday, November 3, 2022

11. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. CST.