

St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Present: Father Marek, Deacon Lee, Nara Dapilos, Debra McGee, Larry Purcka, Elizabeth Joseph, Angela James, Roberta Giroux

Regrets: Lea Barbosa, Dan Costache, John Hazenberg, Natalie Sleno

MEETING NOTES ("MINUTES")

1. Opening Prayer:

- Father Marek led the council in the opening prayer.

2. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:

- Deacon Lee indicated that since he works for the parish, he is in a conflict; therefore, he can no longer be the Parish Council Chairperson;
- Deacon Lee also explained the purpose of the parish council is to be the voice of the parishioners, advise, and make recommendations to the leadership as a healthy, faithful committee;
- After an informal nomination and voting process, it was moved that Roberta Giroux be the Parish Council Committee Chairperson, and that Nara Dapilos become the Vice Chairperson. The vote was unanimous for these two parish members to be the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson;
- Deacon Lee indicated that he would provide further information about the other parish council officers at the next meeting.

3. Sacrament Preparations:

- Confirmation preparation – beginning at the high school on Feb 3, 2020 during a school flex block. Preparation volunteers are using the program "Chosen" for preparation. 2nd group of confirmation preparation (for students who do not attend St. Patrick's High School) – they meet after 11:00 am mass – 5 students to date;
- Reconciliation /First Communion preparation – 24 candidates – Sylvia and Susan leading preparation;
- RCIC Group –Six children are working through the program "Journey of Faith" in preparation to receive each of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.
- RCIA Group – Adult Candidates meet weekly with the leadership team in preparation for sacraments at Easter.
- Marriage preparation – require new couples to lead this sacrament preparation – 5 couples requesting marriage preparation – thank you to the service of Gail and Gil in

this service for so many years – and thank you to Larry and Sue for so many years of service in this;

- Altar servers – 6 new altar servers being trained – really keen group

Many thanks to all of the people who have volunteered their time and talent to coordinate and deliver all of these important programs!

4. New Roof Fundraising Program:

- Meals for the Roof fundraising program going very well;
- Sun, Jan 19, 2020 – the African community raised \$2,200.00. Their service created an ecstatic, happy group who developed a strong bond in their community and their service to the Lord;
- Sun, Jan 20, 2020 – Knights of Columbus on deck;
- Other community groups in the wings: Vietnamese, CWL and YCS Admin.
- A very effective fundraising and community building project spearheaded by Liz Baile and Delia Weir;
- To date, \$4,200 total raised;
- Project will end in early March 2020.

5. Poster of Parish Council members:

- Ensure that Lea has your photo and short bio – purpose for parishioners to know who is on council;

6. Lent 2020:

- Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020;
- Stations of the Cross – right after mass – Trying to find group to lead, in addition to the Knights of Columbus – Debra McGee suggested that the St. Joseph students could perhaps do the stations after Friday mass;
- Lenten Penitential service – Father Marek will be asking the Bishop to invite more priests to help with this service;
- Shrove Tuesday – Knights of Columbus will not host an event this year.

7. St. Patrick High School

- Father Marek will ask Finance to provide a donation to the St. Pat's High School for their support and assistance during Christmas Eve masses which were celebrated at ESPHS. Council voted unanimously to support this donation.

8. Parish Website:

- Deacon Lee shared that he is looking for help on website re-fresh / re-life;

Deacon Lee to put out an open call in the bulletin.

9. Unplanned – the Movie:

- Story of former abortion expert converted;
- Invite parishioners and others to attend a showing of the movie in the church on Feb 22, 2020 – 6:15 pm – After Saturday evening mass
- Dr. Kami Kandola is willing to volunteer, and will bring refreshments

10. Day Shelter and Sobering Centre:

- Deacon Lee visits this centre each Thursday and shared his experience;
- Pray for the people who access this centre and the people who work there.

11. Oblate Associate Program:

- Father Marek to provide more information
- The book, 15 Days of Prayer with Saint Eugene de Mazenod, was shared.

12. Father Marek will be in Nunavut from Feb 12 to 16, 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm