

## **ASSUMPTION PARISH**

January 23rd, 2017, 7:00 pm

Parish Centre, Board Room

**Present:** Father Patrick (Pastor), Rachelle Warman (Assumption School), Carmel Behan (St. Gerard's), Charlene Bourcier (Maranatha), Loretta Netter (PEC), Anne Wate (Secretary), Fraser Field (K of C) Betty Wilson (Sliammon/Sacred Heart).

**Absent/Regrets:** Father Robert Mmegwa (Assistant Pastor), Liz Brach (HATW), Reg Levangie (Maintenance), Christine Schreiber (PTA), Anne Schweitzer (Sr. Youth), Lu Wuthrich (CWL/Faith and Light).

**1. Opening Prayer at 7:04pm:** Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

**2. Adoption of the agenda:** Moved by Charlene B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fraser F., approved as presented. Approved.

**3. Adoption minutes of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016:** Moved by Anne W, 2<sup>nd</sup> Loretta N, minutes be adopted as amended to read: 5.6.2.1 Rachelle expressed the desire to rejuvenate the God Squad program *for grades 4 to 7*, but under the name of Junior Youth Ministry. Approved.

**4. Correspondence:** None

### **5. Committee Reports:**

**5.1 Parish Finance Committee** – presented by Father Patrick Tepoorten

5.1.1 Father went over the December 31, 2016 financial report prepared by Nemie May. Copies circulated and on file. Cash on hand and in bank \$50,222.00.

5.1.2 Our parish gratefully received a bequest of approximately \$6,000.00 recently from the estate of Kate McCarthy.

5.1.3 Query from Charlene B. on our parish's portion of the diocesan Youth Ministry collection; is our portion set aside specifically for our parish Youth Ministry or does it go into our general funds? Father Patrick will check with Nemie May. Tabled.

**5.2 Parish Education Committee** – submitted by Loretta Netter, vice-chair

5.2.1 December flew by with many events hosted in individual classes and of course, a very successful Christmas play/presentations by the students.

5.2.2 As of January, 2016:

5.2.2.1 Our enrollment remains unchanged at 158.

5.2.2.2 There are currently 3 students attending our after school care program.

5.2.2.3 Time has been spent on updating our school website and also advertising via Facebook. Some of the website has already been updated, some is still in the draft stage.

5.2.2.4 On Thursday, January 19, PEC met to start discussing strategies for long term planning for the school. Highlights can be given orally if you wish, since this report was submitted before the meeting.

5.2.2.5 Teachers will be attending the annual Educator's conference on Feb. 9, 10. School will dismiss earlier on the 8<sup>th</sup>, to allow for travel time to Vancouver. This conference is the one time of the year that Assumption teachers can network with their colleagues from the lower mainland. My understanding is that it is a high point of professional development for the staff.

### **5.3 Assumption School Parent Teacher Association** – submitted by Christine Schreiber

5.3.1 Assumption PTA had a successful poinsettia fundraiser in December 2016. Although not as lucrative as previous years, it was still a profitable initiative that also beautifies our school, parish and community during the Christmas season. PTA will be presenting three new fundraising initiatives for the remainder of this school year to our PEC for approval this month.

5.3.2 At our most recent meeting in January 2017, PTA approved to use a portion of the remaining restricted funds for playground and field upgrades to install the hill slide (previously purchased). Installation will go forward in late spring-early summer and the plan is for it to be installed next to St. Joseph's Academy on the south hill. This will be a fun and exciting addition to our playground. The PTA has also approved to spend restricted funds on four new, collapsible soccer nets for our new and improved field. Further funds were set aside to pay for fence repairs and Community Forest Grant recognition sign purchase and installation.

5.3.3 PTA continues to operate with executive vacancies and hopes to fill these positions by the end of the year. Positions still available are President and Vice-President.

### **5.4 Catholic Women's League** – no report

5.4.1 It was asked about how much the 2016 Parish Bazaar raised. Father PT thought a gross of approximately \$16,000.00 was raised but not sure of the net profit. The total profit will be reported at the next meeting. Tabled.

### **5.5 Knights of Columbus** – presented by Charlene Bourcier

5.5.1 Two pancake breakfasts are scheduled for February, one the first Sunday of February to kick off Catholic Schools Week, and the second on the last Sunday in the month as regularly held.

5.5.2 Hosting a Valentine Dinner and Game Night on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Tickets \$25.00 per person.

5.5.3 Will lead one Stations of The Cross during Lent.

## **5.6 Youth Ministry**

### **5.6.1 Senior Youth:** - submitted by Anne Schweitzer

5.6.1.1 January 27th we have our Winter Formal event. 7-9 PM. Youth will be wearing formal wear. We are serving appies, playing card games and dancing.

5.6.1.2 Mark Merlino and Claude LaFrance have been our guest speakers- speaking to the youth once a month on various topics. During Christmas, Mark spoke about present day Jerusalem and the nativity. Claude LaFrance on Friday shared with the youth while he was a monk he received penance to say one Our Father over half an hour.

5.6.1.3 Youth will be leading Stations of the Cross Friday, March 3rd.

5.6.1.4 I still do not have a speaker for the youth retreat at the end of May. TBD.

5.6.1.5 I need to book St. Joseph's Hall for Swing Dancing that Dr. & Mrs. Jubb will be leading every Friday night in February (all volunteer!!!!)

5.6.1.6 I spoke with Rachelle Warman via email about her ideas re: junior youth. I'm very excited to be working with her.

### **5.6.2 Junior Youth:** submitted by Rachelle Warman

5.6.2.1 I spoke to both the staff and to the PEC and all parties are supporting the idea of reviving the junior youth program at Assumption Parish.

5.6.2.2 I have also been in touch with Anne Schweitzer, (Senior Youth Coordinator) regarding a planning meeting for what our vision for youth ministry in our parish might look like. We both want to build up our youth ministry and provide them with opportunities to grow in their faith. We are open to collaboration and support.

5.6.2.3 I am also planning a youth leadership training program which I would like to begin in the spring. I have spoken with some of the current grade 8 students and I have six students who are interested in becoming youth leaders. I will also open it up to the grade sevens who will be the grade eights next year.

## **5.7 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - CCD** – presented by Fr. Patrick T.

5.7.1 First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

5.7.2 No date yet for Confirmation.

## **5.8 Pro-Life**

5.8.1 Annual AGM scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2017, 7 pm, in St. Joseph's Hall. The film, "The Euthanasia Deception", will be shown.

## **5.9 Maintenance** – presented by Fr. Patrick

5.9.1 All main overhead light bulbs in Assumption Church have been replaced by Falcon Electric.

5.9.2 The light switches controlling the main lights in Assumption Church have also all been replaced.

## **5.10 Sliammon - Sacred Heart Church** – submitted by Betty Wilson

5.10.1 All major renovations have been completed.

5.10.2 2016 Was a good year with Father John Tritschler, Deacon Rennie Nahanee and Archbishop M. Miller saying Mass in Sliammon.

5.10.3 3 Funerals (September through December) and 1 in January.

5.10.4 2 Baptisms on Christmas day and 2 more Baptisms upcoming.

5.10.5 The need for a new furnace has been stressed and is a goal for this year. Even though the furnace has been maintained it has been hard to warm up the church for December and January during the cold spell.

5.10.6 A heartfelt appreciation to everyone in the Parish who has helped in completing the major renovations.

## **5.11 Maranatha** – submitted by Charlene Bourcier

5.11.1 We are beginning The Wild Goose is Loose Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 50 people registered which is amazing. We are looking forward to this series on the Holy Spirit.

5.11.2 We will be taking our turn for the Stations of The Cross during Lent on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

5.11.3 Coffee and muffins is excellent, as usual. We have lots of help and lots of donations. We are blessed!

## **5.12 Faith and Light** – no report

## **5.13 Safe Environment Program** – reported by Fr. Tepoorten

5.13.1 Father has asked parishioner Aggie Martin Cooper, who has experience in this area, to take on this important parish role. Aggie hopes to meet with Nadine Desilets, past SEP coordinator, as soon as possible.

## **5.14 Hands Across The Water** – no report

## **5.15 St. Gerard's** – presented by Carmel Behan

5.15.1 Youth Group gatherings are going well.

5.15.2 The heating system has caused some concerns but Dave Warren is monitoring the situation.

**5.16 Building Seismic Committee** – no report

**6. Old Business**

6.1 Invitation to Parish Finance Council – Father Patrick will approach Shaun Clark regarding addressing the parish on our current financial situation. Tabled.

6.2 Sanctuary lights at Assumption – See 5.9 under Maintenance

6.3 Sound System for the hearing impaired at Assumption – Father would like to use our portion of the Project Advance Funds raised to improve our sound system. Father is still investigating options and cost. Tabled.

6.4 Parish Celebration – to celebrate paying off the boiler debt  
We are currently waiting for the final papers from the Diocese indicating our debt is paid in full. At that time a celebration will be organized. Tabled.

6.5 Assumption Pre School - Father PT reported the application was put in this week to reopen our pre-school in September, mornings only. Programs will be offered for 3 and 4 year olds. Cynthia Spenst is excited to begin. Tabled.

**7. New Business:**

7.1 World Day of Prayer – Scheduled for Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, at the Mormon Church.

7.2 Parish Hall – Christine Behan has asked for a Parish Meeting for all routine users of the Parish Centre, and Al Lacourcier, to discuss protocols for properly using, maintaining and cleaning our centre. Father will be meeting with Al on Thursday, and Christine on Friday, to organize a date. ALL user groups (which consist of Assumption School Teaching staff, PTA, and PEC, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Assumption Soup Kitchen, Funeral Catering, Youth Ministry, Faith and Light, Maranatha, and all Coffee and Muffin groups) are expected to send a representative.

**8. Next meeting:** Monday, March 27th, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Assumption Centre Board Room.

**9. Meeting adjourned** - 8:32 pm

**10. Closing prayer...**Fr. Patrick