

ASSUMPTION PARISH

January 26th, 2016, 1:00 pm
Parish Centre, Board Room

Present: Father Patrick, Fr. Dass, Charlene Bourcier, Margaret Huisman, Joan Munson, Anne Schweitzer, Margaret Warren, Anne Wate, Betty Wilson, Lu Wuthrich.

Absent: Reg Levangie, Nadine Desilets, Fraser Field, Brendan Maguire, Rachelle Warman.

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

2. Adoption of the agenda: as amended to include additions to New Business; 7.2 World Day of the sick; 7.3 Lenten Mission. So moved by Lu Wuthrich, 2nd, Margaret Warren.

3. Adoption minutes of November 23rd, 2015: Moved by Charlene Bourcier, 2nd Joan Munson, minutes be adopted as presented. Approved.

3.1 Business Arising from the minutes: none

4. Correspondence: Anne to send a thank you to Pat Clark for her years of service on the Parish Council.

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Parish Finance Committee – presented by Fr. Patrick

5.1.1 St. Gerard's Improvement Fund –

Total allocated donations from 2014 - \$16,992.00;

Total donations from 2015 - \$10,843.85;

Disbursements in 2015 - \$20,106.56;

Balance as of December 31, 2015 - \$7,729.29

Disbursements in 2016 - \$4,321.49;

Fund Balance as of Jan 20, 2016 - \$3,407.80 – allotted for roof repair.

5.1.2 Reserve Funds – Boiler Purchase –

Allocated from donations received in 2014 - \$11,040.06

Donations received in 2015 - \$51,010.00

Total - \$62,050.06

5.1.3 Reserve Funds – Hands Across the Water –

Donations from fundraisers received in 2015 - \$33,814.10

5.1.4 Boiler Debt Summary –

\$120,000.00 – Initial Loan

\$1,124.96 – Interest charges on monthly payments for the loan

\$62,450.30 – What we paid in 2015 for boiler debt

\$40,485.32 – Balance owing the Chancery for boiler debt as of December 31, 2015

See Appendix 1 for detailed report

5.2 Parish Education Committee – presented by Joan Munson

5.2.1 The Parish Finance committee advised Fr Tepoorten that although the prepared budget for the school anticipated \$20,000 from the Parish; that the Parish only has enough money to make a \$10,000 operating subsidy.

5.2.2 The regular **annual advertisement** will be placed in the Shopper (Peak) in the Feb. 5/16 issue. It will focus on the \$53,000 grant that was received from Powell River Forestry. Jamie Kelley will be interviewed by Cyndi from the Peak.

5.2.3 PTA reported that \$9,000 was raised from Poinsettia sales.

5.2.4 Change to the PEC in that Tyler Peters is leaving with our thanks and Stacey Ruegg will return as Secretary as of Jan. 1/16

5.2.5 The Education Committee has been reviewing the BC Dept. of Education, Redesigned Curriculum which is to be implemented in September of 2016. There will be further discussion on this.

5.2.6 The Education Committee is considering a proposal from Mr. Watson for a replacement of the portable computer lab. A decision on this was tabled until next meeting.

5.2.7 The school is promoting enrolment on a continuing basis. We are reaching out to new arrivals to the community where possible, to international students who want to attend on a temporary basis while in the country. Camber College has asked to do another Winter Camp for Gr. 10-11 students. Students attend 3 afternoons a week for a month. This will bring in a further \$4,400.

5.2.8 Joan added to her submitted report the current enrollment is 172.

5.2.9 Betty Wilson suggested a tea be could possibly be held in Sliammon, hosted by the school. Joan to take to the PEC.

5.3 Catholic Women's League – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

5.3.1 Our membership drive is coming up and CWL members will be speaking from the pulpit on January 23 and 24, CWL Sunday.

5.3.2 We have introduced the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet to the beginning of the meeting as well as the opportunity for member to share lessons from their spiritual journey during the meeting.

5.3.3 January is the month we review our budget. The membership voted to give a \$500.00 donation to the Hands Across the Water campaign.

5.3.4 The World Day of Prayer will be hosted by Assumption Church this year. The service is written by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Cuba and is titled "Receive Children Receive Me. The event is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and will take place on March 4th, 2016.

5.4 Knights of Columbus – no report

5.5 Youth Ministry

5.5.1 Senior Youth:-submitted by Anne Schweitzer

5.5.1.1 Updates on Facebook group page: Powell River Catholic Senior Youth

5.5.1.2 Created an email address for senior youth group:

- Username: prcatholicyouth@gmail.com
- Password: stgerard
- Now using this email address to contact youth, instead of my personal account.
- Calendar of events is accessible via the gmail account.

5.5.1.3 Daniel Schweitzer created a website for the youth: www.thecatholicyouth.ca

5.5.1.4 Mark Merlino to speak to youth group every last Friday of the month. This month his talk is about ethical shopping and relating it to the Liturgical year, Lent.

5.5.1.5 Every second Friday will be a movie night at St. Gerard's Church.

5.5.1.6 Taught the youth the Divine Mercy Chaplet last Friday- connecting Reid Kyfuik's family's request.

5.5.1.7 To start the "Happiness" DVD series by Fr. Robert Spitzer (7 part series, each 30 minutes long) for Lent. DVD set is \$39.95 on the magiscenter.com

5.5.1.8 Scheduled for April is Swing Dance lessons by Dr. Judd and his wife.

5.5.1.9 Youth Group Retreat tentatively scheduled for May 21st. Will check with Beatrice.

5.5.1.10 Youth Group Budget? – Fr. Patrick added this figure is not known for 2016. Father will confer with Anne when the information is available.

5.5.2 God Squad

Brendan Maguire observed that the youth group currently attracts youth from all different ages, which begs the question, is the God squad really needed at this point?

5.6 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - CCD – submitted by Linda Belanger

5.6.1 Children attended an hour of prayer during the 40 hour adoration (and the homeschooled CCD students were notified and included).

5.6.2 For the last lesson before Christmas all the students of CCD were invited to have the opportunity to go to confession and then have a pizza party.

5.6.3 Father added there are only 5 children actively attending CCD classes, 4 of which are in grade 6.

5.6.4 Confirmation is scheduled for June 25th.

5.6.5 Father Patrick has had to take on the Coordinator's role.

5.7 Pro-Life - submitted by Pat Clark

5.7.1 AGM was last night (Jan 25th). Sean Murphy spoke on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

5.7.2 Nothing scheduled until the Walk For Life in the spring.

5.7.3 No PPC replacement yet for Pat_

5.8 Maintenance Report – no report

Anne mentioned the burned out light bulbs in the Assumption Sanctuary. The spot lights focused on the crucifix and Our Lady are burned out. Father will speak with Reg about having the bulbs replaced.

5.9 Sliammon - Sacred Heart Church – submitted by Betty Wilson

5.9.1 Christmas Vigil mass was well attended with lots of seating space for everyone who came.

5.9.2 Fund raising for church floor went well. I have sent a letter to Chief and Council requesting a donation for our shortfall.

5.9.3 I have Dr. Jamie Smillie, Keith Neri and Jim Wyatt now assisting to make it possible. I ran into unexpected asbestos on the existing tiles.

5.9.4 My sincere thanks to CWL and Knights of Columbus for making a contribution towards the floor.

5.9.5 After the floor is completed, I hope to ease back on the fundraising as it was or is the last big project in the reno project.

*I look forward to the new year with more thoughts of spiritual growth rather than rummage sales.

5.10 Maranatha - presented by Charlene Bourcier

5.10.1 We have close to 40 people signed up for the Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend retreat. Wow, we're really looking forward to this weekend and to hearing Father T's talk on Salvation.

5.10.2 We have led two Divine Mercy chaplets sung in the church, one on the first day of the Year of Mercy and one on the first Friday of January which was actually Jan. 1. Perfect. We had about 30 people come and join in. Hope it keeps growing every month. February 5th is the next one at 3 p.m. in the church. We have also approached Father T about having a Holy Hour created especially for Divine Mercy on the afternoon of Divine Mercy Sunday.

5.10.3 There are 17 people signed up for the "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" ten week course that will begin this Thursday, Jan. 28th from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Conference Rm./Lounge facilitated by Linda Belanger. The group taking the course will finish just in time to hopefully make our pledge to Jesus after the holy hour on Divine Mercy Sunday and then everyone into the hall for cake and drinks.

5.10.4 Coffee and muffins is going very well. Seems more and more people are coming out.

5.11 Faith and Light – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

Our community is doing fine, we are receiving letters from one of our Syrian communities that are very moving and I would like to read excerpt of it if we have time.

5.12 Building Seismic Committee – update presented by Fr. Tepoorten.

A fundraising dinner at the Italian Hall is planned for April 16, 2016, cohosted by the PTA, PEC, and PPC. Father is in the process of getting an organizing committee together.

5.13 – Safe Environment Program – no report

5.14. – Hands Across The Water – submitted by Margaret Huisman (prior to fundraiser)

5.14.1 We are very grateful for the support from our parish community. Our refugee resettlement fund total is over \$40,000 without the proceeds from our dinner on Jan. 23rd. ***added at meeting – The fundraising dinner on Jan. 23rd raised \$6,000.00!!***

5.14.2 Right now we are in limbo due to the receipt of a letter from the government of Canada - Appendix II. We received this letter through the archdiocese and it informed us of a hold on all applications for non-Syrian refugees due to a backlog of applications. We are now discussing the best way to proceed in consultation with the archdiocese refugee office.

5.14.3 Margaret added to her report that we may be able to bring a family from Syria. She will know more tonight after their scheduled meeting.

5.15 – St. Gerard's – submitted by Margaret Warren

5.15.1 We continue to have at least 40 parishioners at the Sunday morning Mass. Midnight Mass was well attended by 90 parishioners.

5.15.2 We will have a pancake breakfast on the 14th of February as it is Valentine's Day.....this breakfast was well attended last time and we are hoping to have it continue. We have planned for bi-monthly so far.

5.15.3 We held a meeting with Father Patrick on the 7th of January and have a base for a fundraising committee. Members are Carmel Behan, Kathleen Cimaglia, Roberta Meehan, Mary Potesta, and Margaret Warren.

5.15.4 We have some exciting ideas and hope to put them into action soon. We had planned to have a music jam and pizza night for the 30th of January but have decided to postpone for the time being.

5.15.5 Margaret added a garage sale fundraiser is planned for the near future.

6. Old Business

6.1. Stewardship Workshop and Ministry Fair – Tabled

7. New Business:

7.1 Door of Mercy – Father Patrick will investigate adding a “Door of Mercy” in Assumption, for the Year of Mercy.

7.2 World Day of the Sick – Scheduled for February 11th, 2016. The Sacrament of the Anointing of The Sick will be administered, followed by a tea for seniors hosted by the Assumption School grades 7, 8, and 9.

7.3 Lenten Mission – February 13th to the 18th, led by Fr. Joel Rogers from the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky.

8. Next meeting: Easter Monday, March 28th, 1 pm in the Board Room.

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

10. Closing prayer...Fr. Patrick, the Divine Mercy Chaplet