

## **ASSUMPTION PARISH**

March 27th, 2017, 7:00 pm

Parish Centre, Board Room

**Present:** Father Patrick (Pastor), Fr. Peter Ha (Assistant Pastor), Carmel Behan (St. Gerard's), Fraser Field (appointed), Loretta Netter (PEC), Anne Schweitzer (Senior Youth), Rachelle Warman (Assumption School & Junior Youth), Anne Wate (Secretary), Betty Wilson (Sliammon/Sacred Heart), Lu Wuthrich (Faith & Light).

**Absent/Regrets:** Charlene Bourcier (Maranatha), Don Bourcier (K of C), Liz Brach (HATW), Reg Levangie (Maintenance), Christine Schreiber (PTA).

**1. Opening Prayer at 7:01pm:** Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

**2. Adoption of the agenda:** Approved as amended to add 7.2 Outreach to the lonely and marginalized.

**3. Adoption minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017:** Moved by Anne W, 2<sup>nd</sup> Loretta N, minutes be adopted as presented. Approved.

**4. Correspondence:** None

**5. Committee Reports:**

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

5.1.1 Father went over the March 15, 2017 financial report prepared by Nemie May. Copies circulated and on file. Cash on hand and in bank \$71,436.00.

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

5.2.1 Since Mimi Richardson announced her intention to retire at the end of this school year, we have focused effort on the process to find a suitable replacement. Vacancy principal positions are advertised and applicants are screened through the head office in Vancouver, CISVA.

At the end of this month, PEC will form a hiring committee and this hiring committee will interview candidates and make the decision for a replacement. Who will be on the hiring committee plus who the candidates are that will be interviewed has not yet been determined.

5.2.2 PEC is also working on a preliminary budget for the 2017-2018 school year. We will be making staffing and class configurations based on the budget. Nothing has been decided as yet.

5.2.3 The next couple of months will be extremely challenging for PEC, but its members are up for the challenge!

**5.3 Assumption School Parent Teacher Association** – reported by both Lore Netter and Rachelle Warman

5.3.1 Lore Netter would like to see the PTA and PEC reports combined for now. The PTA does not have a full executive and Christine Schreiber, the PEC liaison to the PTA, is quite overwhelmed. The committee all agreed this was quite acceptable.

5.3.2 Lore went on to report that, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the school will hold a spring dance as a PTA fundraiser. This event will have a country/western theme and will be held at the Italian Hall. Tickets will go on sale in the near future.

5.3.3 A grocery card fundraiser is underway. These cards representing all local grocery stores, can be purchased at Assumption School Office, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons, 2:45 to 3:15 pm.

5.3.4 Rachelle Warman added that the school will hold it's Holy Thursday assembly in the school gym.

5.3.5 The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday after the 10 am Mass.

5.3.6 Lisa Berg is taking a group of students to Readers Are Leaders in Vancouver on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

5.3.7 Rachelle will be taking her Social Justice Group to the Lower Mainland April 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> and will work with different charities while there.

**5.4 Catholic Women's League** – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

5.4.1 The CWL had a successful Rummage Sale on March 25<sup>th</sup>, thank you to the parish for all the wonderful donations. There were a lot of good quality items donated and as a result the profits were higher. Thank you also Eva Dobozy for convening and all the volunteers who made the sale such a success.

5.4.2 There will be two scholarships given out this year as part of the Brooks School Program.

5.4.3 The CWL may be changing their meeting time in September; we will first canvas the members some of whom want a day time meeting.

5.4.4 The CWL luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Mass being held at 1100 a.m.

**5.5 Knights of Columbus** – submitted by Don Bourcier

5.5.1 Our membership remains the same 109. One member transferred in & we lost one.

5.5.2 We held a Valentine Dinner & Games night which was enjoyed by those in attendance. We were asked by a few people to have them more often. We are considering it.

5.5.3 We sponsored our "Free Throw" event for students of Assumption school. Brendan Maguire took some of the students to Parksville for a District "Free Throw" event. Our students did well.

5.5.4 We continue to do a highway clean up as part of the government program "Adopt a Highway" every 3 months or so.

5.5.5 Our pancake Brunch continues to be a success in bringing people together socially.

5.5.6 Our men's study group that meets every Thursday evening has come up with a name, "The Way" men's group. We are currently studying Sherry Weddell's book "Forming Intentional Disciples". We have 8 men taking part when they all show up.

5.5.7 Grand Knight Don Bourcier & Deputy Grand Knight Hans LeErichsen are going to the BC State convention on April 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.

5.5.8 We will be BBQing hot dogs for the Walk for Life on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

5.5.9 We will be choosing our 2 - \$500.00 scholarship recipients April 10<sup>th</sup>, but will not be announced until June.

5.5.10 We sponsored the Mass on the Feast of The Annunciation.

## **5.6 Youth Ministry**

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

5.6.1.1 Meet every Friday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, 3 weeks at St. Gerard's and the 4<sup>th</sup> week at Assumption, where floor hockey is played and a movie is watched.

5.6.1.2 Anne will begin utilizing the Assumption Parish facebook page to advertise activities.

5.6.1.3 A Youth Retreat is being planned for May 27<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

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

5.6.2.1 Rachelle would like to purchase the Encounter Bible Study for teens to show to Father Patrick.

## **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 Confirmation is set for June 17<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Emeritus David Monroe.

## **5.8 Pro-Life**

5.8.1 Annual Walk For Life is scheduled for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

5.9.1 Fr. Patrick will be approaching Nick Amato regarding the painting of Assumption Church.

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

5.10.1 Sliammon community - acknowledging our elders who are no longer with us. i.e. Sarah Adams (Sliammon name qwoqw ah Sukt). Sarah in her lifetime was a midwife, helped families prepare bodies for burial and maintained the church. She organized people to cut wood for the winter for the stove in the church. She decorated the church for the Archbishop's visits. I let family members know that Mass is for her. There will be more Mass requests throughout the year to acknowledge our ancestors.

5.10.2 There will be a St. Kateri gathering in May in the new archdiocesan office. They are inviting everyone from mission churches to attend.

**5.11 Maranatha** – submitted by Charlene Bourcier

5.11.1 We have been presenting the "Wild Goose is Loose" series a 14 week series all about the Holy Spirit. We have 53 people registered and, so far it has been very well received. It not only leads people deeper into their faith but has been a great opportunity to get to know our brothers and sisters better.

5.11.2 We still have coffee and muffins the second Sunday of the month and we lead the Stations of the Cross on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5.12 Faith and Light** – presented by Lu Wuthrich

5.12.1 Monthly meetings continue.

5.12.2 Group led the Stations of The Cross at Assumption Church on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

5.13.1 Agie Martin-Cooper is the new parish representative in this important role. "She is very capable and experienced in this area." Fr. PT.

**5.14 Hands Across The Water** – submitted by Elizabeth Brach

5.14.1 The family is doing well and they like Powell River and have no intentions to leave here after there sponsorship ends at the end of June.

5.14.2 Gaby, the father is working four days a week now and he is so happy to be working. His health is improving. The two older boys have worked part-time for most of the year while going to school.

5.14.3 The youngest children are enrolled in Assumption for September 2017. Noella, the daughter enrolled in Carol Wyatt's grade 4/5 combined class has loved her year at Assumption and is doing very well in school.

5.14.4 Through VIU Powell River campus, the eldest son has completed the requirements to enable him to enrol at BCIT for September 2017. He has been accepted into some kind of diploma program for robotics (I think).

5.14.5 The second eldest son is competing his high school, I'm not sure where he is in this process.

5.14.6 The family has had much support from PR Immigrant Services, including English language classes and help with understanding Canadian culture and

government requirements. Career Link has been also been instrumental in helping the family members find work. Both of these organizations have given the family so much support. We have so many truly good people in our community willing to go above and beyond the call of duty.

5.14.7 The family are very good friends with the other Syrian family that was sponsored by the Baptist Church. Considering the challenges they faced, this family is doing very well. I am so thrilled to have been part of this effort and thank God for bringing this family to us. One of the best things I have learned through this whole experience is how blessed I have been to see the love of God alive in so many people in our church community and in our community of Powell River.

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

5.15.1 Attendance appears to be still around 50/60 at the 8 am (Sunday) Mass.

5.15.2 The Youth Group are still busy on Friday evenings.

5.15.3 On Friday mornings Stations of the Cross are being said instead of the Rosary now that is Lent.

5.15.4 Rosary Group held on Friday mornings for the Homeschoolers is also well attended.

5.15.5 An initial request for a new vacuum cleaner for the church was withdrawn as a different one was 'found'. Also a request for an electrician to check the fans, because it appeared that they were not working properly was also withdrawn as the problem appeared to have righted itself.

5.15.6 Choir practices are held every Thursday evening to prepare for the next Sunday Mass.

5.15.7 Because no report was sent in at the end of January, I feel that it should be noted that approximately 110 people attended the Midnight Mass.

#### **5.16 Building Seismic Committee** – no report

### **6. Old Business**

6.1 Invitation to Parish Finance Council – to address the parish on our current financial situation. After some discussion it was agreed that the parish finance committee would be approached to present a financial update to parishioners at Coffee and Muffins on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. It was felt this event could be combined with the ceremonial "burning" of our boiler debt papers. Father PT will check the calendar with Beatrice at the office and then advertise the event(s) in the bulletin. It was suggested and supported that parishioners submit questions to the PFC prior to the presentation.

6.2 Sound System for the hearing impaired at Assumption – continued investigation into options and cost. Tabled.

6.3 Parish Celebration to celebrate paying off the boiler debt – see 6.1

6.4 Assumption Pre School - Father PT is working closely with Cynthia Spent. It is quite a process. Calls have been made to prospective families for start-up in September. Tabled.

6.5 Parish Centre Maintenance – The meeting of parish groups that utilize our parish centre went well, although it was noted that the senior youth coordinator was unaware of the meeting and therefore did not attend. The responsibilities required of all user groups, including the process of thorough cleaning to keep our centre clean and maintained, were gone over. Lu Wuthrich presented a talk on infection control.

## **7. New Business:**

7.1 Written Committee Reports – Loretta Netter addressed the importance of every parish council member submitting their written committee reports to Anne W. prior to each PPC meeting. Having the reports submitted, compiled and sent out to members PRIOR to each meeting helps expedite the meeting process and prevents errors in reporting and recording.

7.2 Outreach to the Lonely and marginalized – Fraser Field, compelled by a recent experience, addressed a growing concern within our community for the lonely and those we see “in margins”. There are so many and the numbers are growing. Fraser encouraged us all to be more aware and welcoming, to reach out to new members in our community.

**8. Next meeting:** Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Assumption Centre Board Room.

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

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