

ASSUMPTION PARISH

May 9th, 2016, 1:00 pm
Parish Centre, Board Room

Present: Father Patrick, Fraser Field, Joan Munson, Margaret Warren, Anne Wate, Lu Wuthrich.

Absent: Fr. Dass, Charlene Bourcier, Nadine Desilets, Margaret Huisman, Reg Levangie, Christine Schreiber, Anne Schweitzer, Rachelle Warman, Betty Wilson.

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Patrick Tepoorten – Prayer to the Holy Spirit

2. Adoption of the agenda: As amended to add 7.6 Fr. Robert Mmegwa. Moved by Margaret Warren, 2nd, Fraser Field, approved.

3. Adoption minutes of March 28th, 2016: Moved by Margaret Warren, 2nd Fraser Field, minutes be adopted as presented. Approved.

3.1 Business Arising from the minutes: none

4. Correspondence: none

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Parish Finance Committee – presented by Fr. Patrick

5.1.1 Appendix 1 - Financial report from Nemie May 4, 2016

5.1.2 Father reported donations to Project Advance, as of today, May 9th, 2016, are \$18,000.00 (of \$25,000.00 goal).

5.1.3 Father added that upcoming financial commitments are \$10,000.00 to Assumption School in June, and, in July, a \$15,000.00 insurance bill is due.

5.2 Parish Education Committee – presented by Joan Munson

5.2.1 March 31st, 2016 PEC Meeting

5.2.1.1 At the PTA Meeting on April 7 there will be various options presented for upgrades to the Playground, utilizing the School portion of the Community Forests grant.

5.2.1.2 A fundraiser Dinner, with Silent Auction, will take place April 16th to raise money for an architect's assessment for the Seismic Upgrade of the school gym. It will be held at the Italian Hall and Jim Baron's Band has graciously offered to provide music.

5.2.1.3 Grade 7 Field trip – Lisa Cimaglia will take seven Grade 7 students to Vancouver April 14 to participate in the "Readers are Leaders" competition with our other 46 Catholic Schools. PEC approved.

5.2.1.4 Committee voted to tender the contract for the School Soccer Field to Dave Bourassa of Reliable Maintenance pending positive reference checks. References to be checked by Stacey Ruegg and Joan Munson.

5.2.1.5 Committee to do a final review of the new volunteer format pending approval at the next meeting.

5.2.1.6 Plans to have the lawns thatched and they will have to be raked. Fr. Tepoorten will be asked to organize this. Suggest we call it a Raking Bee.

5.2.2 May 2nd, 2016 PEC Meeting

5.2.2.1 Nominating forms for the Education Committee were presented to the Parish and need to be returned by May 20, 2016. If an election is required the list of candidates will be available at all churches for Mass on May 21-22

5.2.2.2 Contracts and agreements with school staff are being completed.

5.2.2.3 30 people turned up to work on April 30th. It was much appreciated.

5.2.2.4 'Shake Rattle and Roll' event was a huge success. Teachers and PTA did a great job. I believe we more than made our goal of \$8,000

5.2.2.5 The new Parent Participation form is being completed by the committee. It will be integrated with the computerized reporting system for those who would like to use that.

5.2.2.6 Assumption School teams won the competition 'Readers are Leaders' in Vancouver on April 14. The Grade 7 Class once more won the local 'Read for the Top' competition this year.

5.2.2.7 PTA will be planting a Dogwood tree in memory of Mrs. Bridget Bigold on the first anniversary of her death.

5.2.2.8 The PTA Meeting and display for the new playground equipment was a disappointment. Not very much response.

5.2.2.9 There is ongoing maintenance on drainage where needed, especially the area outside the teacher's lounge. Two sink holes in the pavement will be repaired in July after school is out. Discussion of adding a curb adjacent to the large depression in pavement along the fence line to encourage water to drain away.

5.2.2.10 A final decision on the new classroom computers will be made at the June 9 meeting.

5.2.2.11 Our next meeting date is changed to June 9, 2016.

5.3 Catholic Women's League – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

5.3.1 The CWL Lady of Good Council Luncheon was a great success with the six members receiving long term awards for membership ranging from 10- 40 years. In addition two Maple Leaf Awards were given to members for outstanding long term devotion and hard work. The recipients were Marguerite Vodola and Pia Vallee.

5.3.2 The CWL called us to initiate a nationwide 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2016. Members were encouraged to commit to finding some way of supporting this day of prayer and physicians were invited to the Way of the Cross on that date with CWL hosting refreshments afterwards. *The event was so well attended and moving.*

8 Physicians attended, as well as 3 registered nurses, 1 pharmacist, plus other health care professionals.

5.3.3 On May 5-7, the CWL Diocesan Convention was held in Squamish. Lu, Gail, Betty, Lorna, and Antoinette attended and volunteered to Hostess events during the convention.

5.3.4 The CWL made the following one-off contributions to local causes or initiatives:

5.3.4.1 Book Rack monies \$200.

5.3.4.2 \$250 was contributed to Fr. Dass' parish in India.

5.3.4.3 \$250 for Senior Youth Ministry's Summer Retreat Guest Speaker Eric Chow.

5.3.4.4 \$200 for Garden Blend Topsoil.

5.3.4.5 \$50 Save-On gift card to go to another Parish family in need. This (\$50) was raised at the Spring Rummage Sale 50/50 draw.

5.4 Knights of Columbus – submitted by Fraser Field

5.4.1 Two or three new members will be initiated into the Council tonight.

5.4.2 The Knights will have a breakfast for the grade 12 grads on May 29.

5.4.3 The Knights will lead a rosary at 6:30 before the 7:00 pm Mass on Sunday May 29th.

5.4.3 The Knights provided hot dogs for the Walk for Life participants.

5.4.4 The wooden tables in St. Joseph's hall have been replaced by lighter plastic ones and the Knights are donating the wooden ones to Kelly Creek Church.

5.4.5 Two \$500 scholarship recipients have been chosen. Names to be released after the official announcement.

5.5 Youth Ministry

5.5.1 Senior Youth:- Fr. Patrick reported that Eric Chow, a member of the Archdiocesan Catholic Christian Outreach, will attend our parish on June 4th, 2016, to lead a Confirmation/Youth retreat for our parish. This event is scheduled to be held at St. Girard's.

5.5.2 God Squad: Father is looking for a young, energetic person or couple to inspire and gather this age group in our parish.

5.6 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - CCD – Classes ended the end of April.

5.7 Pro-Life - The 25th Anniversary of the Pro Life Walk was a wonderful event and great success. 107 Walkers participated. K of C provided a hot dog bar b q.

5.8 Maintenance Report

5.8.1 Father Patrick has been in contact with Anthony Canil about replacing the Sanctuary lights with LED bulbs.

5.9 Sliammon - Sacred Heart Church – submitted by Betty Wilson

5.9.1 Flooring to old altar completed yesterday (Friday May 6th) by Jim Wyatt. Alder and fir donated by Thedan Forest Products. Laying plywood by Jamie Smillie and Keith Neri. They did about a quarter of the floor. Ongoing scheduling of volunteers. Custom Flooring scheduled in mid-May to come in to work.

5.9.2 St. Kateri Council Meeting in the archdiocese office May 4th.
Deacon Rennie Nahanee to schedule a visit to Sliammon Sacred Heart.

5.9.3 St. Kateri procession went well.

5.10 Maranatha - no report

5.11 Faith and Light – Lu reported that the young people are back which makes meetings lively. Member Mary turned 93.

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

5.12.1 Father Patrick contacted John Wallace, an architect from Sechelt, who designed the seismic upgrades for both the new Powell River Library and Henderson School, and is recommended by Frank Nadalini, to assess our Assumption School gym for our seismic upgrades. Frank Nadalini will make the remaining parish assessments.

5.13 – Safe Environment Program – Father Patrick reported there is a 3 set DVD program our parish had to purchase. Viewing of this series by parishioners is to be arranged. Tabled until Father can discuss with Nadine Desilets.

5.14. – Hands Across The Water – reported by Fr. Patrick

More delays in the arrival of our refugee family are being experienced....hopes are now for a Fall arrival.

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

5.15.1 Our small choir has started to increase in voices....great to see.

5.15.2 Attendance at Mass remains between 50 and 60 each week...we usually have 40 of these attendees at our muffins and coffee which is served each Sunday.

5.15.3 On May 1ST we held our pancake breakfast.....proceeds to Father Dass. We raised \$335.00. We will continue to have this breakfast as it proves to be quite popular.

5.15.4 Carmel Behan will cut the grass again this year....Such support!!!!

5.15.5 We are in talks with Betty Wilson in regards to a rummage/garage sale. We in Wildwood have great working relationship with Sliammon and hope to continue to build an even stronger one.

5.15.6 We have a rosary each Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.....we pray for Father Tom, The Saletian priest abducted by ISIS and threatened with crucifixion.

5.15.7 Thank you to Nicole Belanger and her parents for all they have done for St Gerard's. They have painted all our statues, nativity figures, made cover for the tabernacle, and too many other things to even begin to mention. THANK YOU NICOLE and your family for ALL your hard work.

6. Old Business

6.1 Fr. Patrick's 35th Anniversary Celebration – On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish pot luck hosted by the CWL, we will celebrate Fr. Patrick's 35th Ordination Anniversary.

6.2 Stewardship Workshop and Ministry Fair – Tabled.

6.3 Door of Mercy – Tabled.

6.4 Youth Ministry Budget – Any expenditures incurred by the youth leaders are to be submitted to the rectory office.

6.5 Flower Arranging at Assumption – Joyce Gueret and her son James have come forward to look after this job. Joyce has asked for flower donations from parishioners to be left in the buckets provided in the vestibule at Assumption, on Saturday mornings.

6.6 Refugee family – See 5.14

7. New Business:

7.1 Sound System for the hearing impaired at Assumption – Lionel Desilets has asked that we investigate a new sound system for the hearing impaired at Assumption. Father has looked into the cost of a system similar to the one used at Christ The King parish in Comox...individual units costing \$7,500.00 each. Perhaps, when the boiler debt is paid, we will be in a better financial position to improve Assumption's sound system.

7.2 Parish Calendar Meeting date – Set for **Tuesday August 23rd, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Centre Board Room. *All groups are to send a representative with tentative group activity dates for the upcoming year.*

7.3 Feast of The Assumption Parish Celebration – Ideas were put forward on how we can celebrate our parish feast day...i.e. parish picnic on the Sunday, August 14th, a holy hour or Mass at 7 p.m. on the 15th, followed by a small reception. As it is unlikely we will have another meeting scheduled before then, Father will send an email out to the PPC members asking for ideas.

7.4 Fr. Dass' Farewell – Tentative Date July 9th, 2016. Fr. Patrick would like to have a very special celebration to honor Fr. Dass. A coordinator for this event is needed.

7.5 Child minding – This service has been cancelled until further notice. Special thanks to Jessica Sjogren for her efforts to organize and maintain this service through the year.

7.6 Fr. Robert Mmegwa - Our new assistant pastor was ordained August 17th, 1991 and is celebrating his 25th anniversary this year. As a parish we will honor Fr. Robert's 25th anniversary, perhaps at his welcoming celebration. He is from a family of 5 boys and 3 girls who, along with his mother, all live in Nigeria. His father passed away in

2004. He has no family here, and has been in Canada for 5 years.

8. Next meeting: *Parish Calendar Meeting*, Tuesday, August 23rd, at 9 a.m. in the Assumption Centre Board Room.

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

10. Closing prayer...Fr. Patrick