

ASSUMPTION PARISH

March 28th, 2016, 1:00 pm

Parish Centre, Board Room

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

Absent: Reg Levangie, Nadine Desilets, Fraser Field, Brendan Maguire, Anne Schweitzer, Rachelle Warman, Margaret Warren.

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

2. Adoption of the agenda: Moved by Charlene Bourcier, 2nd, Margaret Huisman, approved.

3. Adoption minutes of January 26th, 2016: Moved by Father Patrick Tepoorten, 2nd Charlene Bourcier, minutes be adopted as presented. Approved.

3.1 Business Arising from the minutes:

Charlene voiced her concerns over the lack of God Squad Youth activities (5.5.2). Father Patrick will consult with Brendan Maguire, Rachelle Warman, and Mark Watson.

4. Correspondence: none

5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Parish Finance Committee – presented by Fr. Patrick

5.1.1 The Parish Finance committee met Mon. Feb 29th, 2016, to discuss the financial report sent to the Archdiocese. Nemie May, our Parish accountant, has prepared a statement to be released to the parishioners in April. The situation is looking positive. An explanatory letter is being prepared by PFC, so that people won't misread the statistics. Several factors have contributed to a generous reserve of funds: but these are mainly funds raised for the Refugee Committee "hands across the water", and are earmarked.

5.1.2 Current balance on the boiler debt is \$40,787.19

5.2 Parish Education Committee – presented by Joan Munson

5.2.1 From PEC Meeting of January 28, 2016

5.2.1.1 School enrolment is at 175

5.2.1.2 Parent Support Meeting this year will be on Wed. March 2nd 7-9 pm. This is an Archdiocesan program designed to support parents in sharing the meaning of human sexuality with their children. All are welcome.

5.2.1.3 The education committee approved the revision to the volunteer form for parents of students. It will be discussed further how we might get more participation from parents as this is such an important part of our school.

5.2.1.4 It was decided that school fees will be increased by 1.5% for the 2016/17 school term.

5.2.1.5 The school sponsored a Parish Potluck on February 27 by the PEC, PTA and school Staff. An effort was made to reach out to the people of Sliammon.

5.2.1.6 The PTA will run the Silent Auction at the Seismic Upgrade fundraising dance April 16 and will assist with set up and decorating.

5.2.1.7 We were asked the cost of the newspaper ad in *the Shopper* of Feb. 5th. The cost for the Front page article and the ¼ page ad is \$328.03

5.2.2 From PEC Meeting of February 25, 2016

5.2.2.1 Discussion on the necessity of getting some work done on the grounds around the school. Bruce, our chair person, agreed to clean up the area at the front entrance of the school on spring break. We should meet with Alan and all affected parties on how to approach the season. We will discuss further at our next meeting (March 31st).

5.2.2.2 Mimi was away so discussion of the enrolment for next year was tabled until next meeting.

5.2.2.3 Soccer field replacement. We have received a \$41,000 advance on the grant from Community Forest and are looking for a total of \$59,000 to \$63,000 when work is completed. Jamie is getting quotes.

5.2.2.4 PTA is planning to ask the PEC okay a survey/vote be sent out to families for feedback on various options for the use of the portion of the grant from the Community Forest for playground equipment and new/more durable ground cover.

5.2.2.5 In an effort to improve parent volunteer participation, Stacey proposed we test a Parent Participation Software package she has investigated. The program tracks and promotes parent volunteering at the school. It will run April – May and we will test one project with minimum parameters to get a feel for it. A committee was struck to implement this.

5.2.2.6 Replacement of school classroom computers. This item has been tabled and will be dealt with closer to the end of the year.

5.3 Catholic Women's League – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

5.3.1 On Mar 4, 2016 the CWL helped organize the World Day of Prayer. The service was created by Cuba and the theme was *Receive children, Receive me*. It was a great success and a luncheon was served afterward.

5.3.2 The CWL Spring Rummage Sale was held on March 5, 2016. There was less rummage than usual donated but the total raised, \$1069.00 was very close to last year's total of \$1082.00. Thank you to all parish members who gave donations.

5.3.3 The CWL Vancouver Diocesan Convention will be held at the Sea to Sky Hotel in Squamish this year and at least four members will be attending.

5.3.4 The CWL will host a letter writing workshop for its members to voice our opposition to this proposed legislation on assisted suicide. Betty Rae has names and addresses for BC Provincial ministers and other influential people.

5.4 Knights of Columbus – submitted by Charlene Bourcier

5.4.1 We put on a Children’s pancake breakfast on Dec. 20th with St. Nick.

5.4.2 Our Jan 31st pancake breakfast was for the benefit of Catholic School week.

5.4.3 We sponsored a prayer service in Assumption Church with the Icon of the Holy Family on Jan 22.

5.4.4 We sponsored and led the rosary before 7:00 pm Mass on Jan. 31st with 19 participants.

5.4.5 We cleaned up our part of highway 101 on Feb. 14th as part of the *Adopt a Highway* program.

5.4.6 We sponsored a free throw basketball competition at Assumption School with 100 students taking part. Two of those students went to Parksville on Feb 27th to compete against Island schools. One of our boys took first place for his age group.

5.4.7 We put on a Mardi Gras dinner & games night on Feb. 6th. Fifty nine (59) people attended. We made a profit of \$852.00.

5.4.8 The Knights led the Stations of the Cross on Friday Feb. 12th.

5.4.9 Three (3) of our members worked on one of our single lady parishioner’s shed, installing a door, soffits & Hardie plank siding. They are just finishing it off today.

5.4.10 We will have 1 new member joining our council on April 11th. We have 107 members in our council at this time.

5.5 Youth Ministry

5.5.1 Senior Youth:- no report

5.5.2 God Squad – no report

5.6 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - CCD – no report

5.7 Pro-Life - no report, but the yearly parish calendar shows the annual Pro Life Walk is scheduled for April 23rd.

5.8 Maintenance Report – submitted by Reg Levangie

5.8.1 All fire extinguishers checked out ok.

5.8.2 I installed a new banner with Father Dass by school steps and made up a bracket to hold the cross used on Good Friday.

5.8.3 It was brought to my attention that there are six lights burned out at the altar end of the church. These lights should be changed to LED bulbs, as the current bulbs did not last very long. A contractor is used for this job. Father Patrick will look into hiring a contractor.

5.9 Sliammon - Sacred Heart Church – submitted by Betty Wilson

5.9.1 Focusing on floor. Color choices for pews and floor.

Need to co-ordinate volunteers with people who are going to install floor.

Spring break is almost over so hopefully it will be easier to come together on times

5.9.2 Stations of the Cross were held twice. Father Dass was able to attend...for which Betty thanked him. Attendance was good. In the past, the Sliammon people always did Stations of the Cross because the Oblates were not always in attendance. It was always done with dignity and respect. People were involved. I was not sure that people were going to attend because we had not continued the tradition for many years.

5.9.3 Betty is trying to bring together a group of people who will learn the hymns that have been translated in our language so that we can sing them together at church rather than someone doing a solo. I was asked by a parishioner from town why we have not sung our hymns for some time.

5.9.4 Sunday, April 17th is the anniversary of St. Kateri Tekakwitha's death. Betty is hoping to extend a general invite to all parishioners for coffee and treats after the 11:30 Mass.

5.9.5 On Sunday, September 11th Archbishop Miller is scheduled to come to celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart, and bless the completed renovations.

5.10 Maranatha - submitted by Charlene Bourcier

5.10.1 We had a Life in the Spirit Weekend January 29th and 30th which was well attended and well received. The fruits of receiving the Holy Spirit into their lives will be seen as time unfolds.

5.10.2 The prayer group took their turn leading the Stations of the Cross and lead the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 o'clock on First Fridays.

5.10.3 Coffee and muffins continues to be a good parish get together and we are never short of food and good help.

5.10.4 We will be advertising our April 10th Coffee and Muffins as an extra special breakfast with all donations going toward Father Dass' needs for his home parish in India.

5.10.5 Our meetings continue to be well attended and we pray for the intentions of our brothers and sisters in this parish, in the world and we always pray for our two wonderful priests.

5.11 Faith and Light – no report

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

5.12.1 Plans for the upcoming *Shake Rattle and Roll* fundraiser for the parish seismic study, scheduled for April 16th, are well under way.

5.12.2 Father Patrick is currently discerning how to best utilize the parish's portion of this year's Project Advance donations. The two most urgent needs are the seismic study costs, and the paying off of the boiler debt. After some discussion the committee agreed with Fr. Patrick's recommendation to pay down the remaining boiler debt.

5.13 – Safe Environment Program – no report

5.14. – Hands Across The Water – submitted by Margaret Huisman

5.14.1 This past month saw our refugee family pass their interviews and medicals. We are awaiting word regarding flights. They are a Syrian family of 6 including the parents, three boys and a girl, and are Caldean Christians.

5.14.2 We have had a busy month collecting furnishings and are almost ready with most items complete. We are still looking for linens re double and queen sheets, duvets or blankets but we had a large donation from a parishioner to help with the bedding. Thank you Lord.

5.14.3 We have had a generous response from the parish community and the community at large for furnishings and we are so grateful for the encouragement and support. The CWL invited us to preview items on Friday night before their rummage sale and we were able to pick up a few needed items from them, thank you Karen.

5.14.4 We are looking at housing this next week which will hopefully fall into place.

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

5.15.1 We had a pancake breakfast and a very successful Phillipino breakfast.....both hosted by parishioners from St Gerard's. We are gaining a strong volunteer base on which we hope to build.

5.15.2 Our Easter pancake breakfast VERY well attended and definitely appreciated by everyone.....AMAZING.

5.15.3 We had anticipated having a music night ... JAMMIN WITH ST JOSEPH but, Unfortunately, we had to cancel due to poor ticket sales.

5.15.4 General consensus from most of the fund raising group is that we wait until the Fall for our dinner and see what happens. We cannot have fundraisers without support.

5.15.5 There were approximately 100 people at the 8:00 a.m. Easter Mass.

6. Old Business

6.1 Shake Rattle and Roll fundraiser update – on track for April 16th at the Italian Hall. Corinne Franklin is chairing the organization of the event with the PTA organizing the silent auction portion of the fundraiser. Parishioners have been very generous with

their donations. Jim Baron and band is providing the entertainment...Jim is donating his time.

6.2 Stewardship Workshop and Ministry Fair – Tabled until the May meeting for planning for fall of this year.

6.3 Door of Mercy - intended to remind parishioners of the Year of Divine Mercy. Father is considering the best way to implement this. It was suggested that a pilgrimage might be organized also. Charlene will look into this. Tabled.

6.4 Youth Ministry Budget – Father Patrick has asked the Parish Finance Committee for a budget for this ministry. He will have more information after the next meeting of the PFC. Tabled.

6.5 Publishing of PPC Minutes – The minutes are now being added to the Parish website. Kira LaFrance, the website manager, has made a special link on the website for Parish Council information. The minutes will also be posted to the bulletin board in the vestibule of Assumption Church.

6.1 Review of Easter Sunday Mass Schedule & Attendance – The attendance at all parish Masses was as follows – *Church of the Assumption* – Vigil – 100, 10:00 am – 550 (with less crowding in the vestibule), 7:00 pm – 50; *Sacred Heart* – 11:30 am – 50; *St. Gerard's* – 8:00 am – 100. It was noted that, at Christmas and Easter, we must remember to open the Parish Centre, St. Joseph's Hall, so as we can utilize the restrooms there. Consideration will be given to perhaps have an 8:00 am Mass at Assumption on Easter Sunday next year, and eliminate the 7:00 pm Mass.

7. New Business:

7.1 Father Patrick's 35th Anniversary Celebration May 30th – Father would prefer to have coffee and muffins in St. Joseph's Hall after the Monday morning Mass on May 30th. Betty suggested a celebration can also be held after Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart on the 29th. Tabled until next meeting.

7.2 This Year's Project Advance Goal – see 5.12.2.

7.3 Flower arranging at Church of the Assumption – Father will be appealing to parishioners for someone to come forward to take on this task, left vacant with Gerlinde Elsbett's move to Wildwood. He is hoping more than one person will volunteer as the work would then be less.

8. Next meeting: Monday, May 9th, 1 pm in the Meeting Room, back of Church of the Assumption.

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

10. Closing prayer...Fr. Patrick