

**All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**7:00 PM Assumption Hall**

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Led by Aaron Skretting, Chairperson
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda** - add 5. Unification and reconciliation, 6a. Koinonia  
Accepted with additions – Art Vanden Berg, Don Bruchet – Moved
- 3. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – with changes to the following:
  - 4a. comma after CWL, Plant Sale, 5c. K of C 1490 and 5726  
Accepted with changes - Peter Lilienthal, Dorothy Boras – Moved
- 4. Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
  - a. Finances - Currently the parish is behind on the budget by approximately \$6000, however, the Together In Action has been met and now any surplus will go to the Refugee Fund. A big THANK YOU to the parish.
  - b. Parish Maintenance – At St. Patrick's there was a flood of sewer backup. The clay pipes were able to be cleaned. This bill is still outstanding as we have not been invoiced at this time. There was also a flood in the basement of St. Basil's where 6 feet of heating line had to be replaced. This bill is still outstanding as we have not been invoiced at this time. The front steps at Assumption Church were fixed at a cost of \$3000+ and are guaranteed for the next 25 years. We are encouraged NOT to place salt on them as this will wreck them. The floor in the Assumption Hall was waxed to a clear sheen. The chairs are in very bad shape and new ones will have to be purchased. At this time we are not sure about going with soft plastic or padded. We also need to be aware of the size of the chairs purchased as this will affect our hall capacity.
  - c. Comin' Alive Camp – It was held at Assumption this year, and worked out well, where the camp could use the Hall, Church and parking lot as needed. It may potentially run twice next year at Assumption.
  - d. New Catholic Hymnal – In 2020 the New Catholic Hymnal will be used by all parishes in our Diocese as decided by the Canadian Bishops. No other hymnal will be made, used, or purchased. This will allow a regulation on copyright to be followed and no further violations.

- e. Golf Tournament – was a great success and will hopefully become an annual event.
- f. Youth Ministry – There is a new Youth Ministry Team this year comprised of Sarah De Coste (full-time); Kevin Toews, Amy Gruninger, David O'Donnell, Zack Hampton, Katelyn Rabl (part-time). They will cover from the Compass Group to the Little Saints Group.
- g. New Schedule – The 7:00 PM Saturday Night Mass has happened twice at this time with attendance being 90 the first night and 75 the second night. It is forecasted that this will change as people get used to the changes. It is operating as a Low Mass at this time. There were more people in attendance for Adoration since its move to Assumption where it is safer.
- h. PAC Manual – This manual was partly written by Father Kevin and we have been following it so there will not be too many changes that will concern our parish.
- i. Security – with the opening of the new Safe Injection Site, there has been more concerning security problems at St. Patrick's and St. Basil's. Fires have been lit by St. Patrick's church, people are sleeping in the Rectory yard, and priests have been propositioned inappropriately. People have also been using the taps for water outside of the Rectory and there is no shut off valve. Arches goes around St. Basil's and St. Patrick's twice a day to check on people and to clean up needles and paraphernalia, however do not clean up garbage and this has become an issue as well.
- j. Flowers – Plants have been bedded for this year. There were many compliments about the beautification of the church yards.
- k. K of C Petition – K of C #10547 has petitioned state and applied to transfer from St. Patrick's to Sts. Peter & Paul. We are not sure what this will entail regarding Pancake Breakfasts or for the Lenten Suppers at Assumption. The contract for Father Gary from Sts. Peter & Paul will be up after 5 years and it is unsure what will become of that Church at that time.

**5. Unification and Reconciliation –** What is this supposed to encompass?

What would be helpful to understand ourselves as the Body of Christ?

- a. Basic dignity/value of each parishioner/person/family
  - start by considering that each person is of value
  - embrace in a kind and loving manner

-make it a point of being better and trying our very best; smiles, say hello, etc.

b. Clarity of communication/direction from the Bishop

-start with Father Kevin and the Bishop, for example regarding the New Church

-rules need to be explained to the Parish

-promises need to be fulfilled by the Bishop about sending a report on our parish from the meetings that were had with him (this was supposed to be out in January)

-need information to clear up misinformation

\*maybe a bulletin insert indicating that the Bishop is still working on this but we are further down the list

c. Unity of Parish Organizations

-why do we have 2 CWL groups?

-how do we decide which is to go?

-K of C, how do we decide which group to join?

-everyone should be together and not separated to avoid being torn to join one group or another

-K of C and CWL need to be unified from the top

-need to focus on commonalities rather than on differences

-there is perceived competition however these groups have worked together for Corpus Christi

-CWL groups work together for funerals and retreats

-CWL and K of C will be each 1 group going into the New Church

d. Address Uncertainty and previous hurts

-we need to look inwards as we can only change ourselves

-from Rome – 15 days, then a decree; the Bishop is hoping for a report sometime September/October (nothing happens in Rome in July and August)

e. Transparency

-transparency with everything

-share information and overshare as needed

f. Prayer – Focus of the Eucharistic Prayer; Focus of Adoration; Focus of the Rosary

-we are a people of faith, a people of prayer and we need a designated prayer/Eucharist

-Adoration – offer us prayer for greater commitment for harmony and unity

-Rosaries need to be said for unity

-we need to go to Jesus with our concerns, and our hopes

-grandparents need to make an effort to bring their grandchildren to Mass – to step up

-we need to make a real effort to bring our children to the Church and this will help to build and unify the Church

-possibly need a grandparent organization/group

-come up with a Parish Prayer for Unity and Reconciliation

g. *Be welcoming...*

-be willing to welcome someone into your group

**6. Koinonia** – Peter Lilienthal – This group is meant to build fellowship and community as the Body of Christ. We are called to never forget the past by honoring it but this does not mean holding on to it. We all need to be more holy. “God Before All, Love One Another” This group will be needing the help of the parish for each event so please volunteer.

**7. Adjournment**