

All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27th, 2019

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Aaron Skretting, Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** – John Cicman/Shelley Thom - Moved
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Correction: #3 - date changed from 201 to 2011. – Accepted with changes – Norm Whelpley/Helen Manzara - Moved
4. **Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
 - a. New PAC Guidelines and Policies – Booklet was sent by the Diocese for review, and will be put on the website. There is not much that will change with our PAC. During Bishop McGrattan's previous visits, he noticed many PAC's were lacking in knowing what their responsibilities should be. Our mandate is "the good order of the Parish," and to bring the people to God. We are encouraged to be open to the public and allow for transparency. It was assumed that the members of PAC were sharing their information with their various groups or ministries.
 - b. Youth Ministry – The All Star Saints are at St. Basil's on Thursday afternoons.
 - c. Finance Council – At a recent meeting it was advised that at this time finances are fine, although it is still the beginning of the year. We have already received over \$20,000 for our Together In Action. This is a wonderful start.
 - d. Refugee Families – There will be a potluck supper on Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at Assumption Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass to celebrate the one year anniversary of our Syrian Family, the Wahbeh Family. Our responsibilities are now shifting and we are no longer financially responsible, however, we need to be there for each other. Eighteen months from now, All Saints Parish will be contracting to help out another refugee family. More information to come.
 - e. Sisters of St. Martha – Father Kevin contacted St. Martha's Parish to see what could possibly be done regarding their recognition. Currently he is awaiting more contact (telephone calls) before anything is decided. Starting on June 8th and continuing all summer, The Galt Museum will be showing a display about the Martha Sisters.

- f. Various Upcoming Dates – April 27th, 2019 the Parish 10 Cities Gala fundraiser at the Exhibition Heritage Hall; October 5th, 2019 the Harvest Moon Ball; October 11th, 2019 the Bishop's Dinner which will be a Southern Zone celebration. The K of C and the CWL will be asked to help sell tickets. Sit will be a fundraiser where some of the money will go to Catholic Schools (St. Patrick's Fine Arts School) for their Fine Arts Program. Most of the money raised will go to various foodbanks in the Zone. The monetary target goal is \$50,000.
 - g. Easter Triduum – will take place from April 18th – 21st, 2019 at Catholic Central High School East. There will be an Easter Sunday 7:30 AM Mass at St. Basil's. Please see the bulletin for more details.
 - h. Security – remains a very big problem! There have been thefts from Assumption from inside the Hall (coats, etc.) as well as the caretakers' bicycle has been stolen. A doorbell will be installed at the entrance of the hall so doors can be locked during events/happenings. St. Basil's was left unlocked again. **We really need to be more diligent about making sure that all doors are properly locked. Sacristans are to be the last to leave a building and make sure that ALL doors are secured!** St. Patrick's Church/Rectory continues to be an unsafe area, however, Arches does come to check and pick up needles daily. The surrounding churches (Southminster United Church and St. Augustine's) and businesses (AL) have also been having problems with criminal activity. The County Offices next to St. Patrick's will be building a fence between the two properties. It would be our responsibility to finish the fence at both ends of the property. This could help in keeping it more secure and safe in this area. Lights have been kept off at St. Patrick's to help deter criminal activity.
 - i. Southern Alberta Men's Ministry Conference – Father Kevin attended as did a few other Catholic parishioners. It is hoped that there is more Catholic representation next year. Participants were mainly evangelicals. There was an incredible sense of hospitality extended, and it was a great experience regarding ecumenism. As a Christian community, we need to know each other better.
5. **Old Business** – No Old Business at this time
 6. **New Business** – A representative from PAC was requested to participate in the Washing of the Feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Pat Bogdan gracious accepted.
 7. **PAC Activity** – Confirmation and Sharing our Faith – See next page

8. Adjourned

9. Future Meeting Dates: PAC Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall – April 24th, 2019

May 15th, 2019

June 19th, 2019 – Social to follow

Pastoral Council Activity

Confirmation and Sharing our Faith

Grade 6 Retreats were held with Ecole St. Mary's students:

-50 kids attended

-of the 50, 9 had made their First Communion but were not signed up for Confirmation

-of the 50, 25 were baptized

Altogether, there are 55 students who will be confirmed from All Saints Parish this year.

More than half of the children interviewed recently at All Saints Parish said it was their choice.

The parents are telling them that it is their choice; however, it really is not the child's choice because God chooses us and chooses to give us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. God is the gift-giver and we should accept these gifts.

Can we name the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit?

-wisdom

-fear of the Lord

-understanding

-fortitude

-knowledge

-piety

-counsel

Can we encourage our children by naming the Gift of the Holy Spirit they've used or are using?

We should be using our Gifts!

Do we know that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are not the same as the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

How well do we promote our Catholic faith? How well do we know our Catholic faith?

How do we welcome/share Jesus and God with others? We need to talk about it! We need to be hospitable and welcoming.

We need to look for guidance and direction, like at our Confirmation.

Do I know who God is?

Do I have the courage to stand up for Him?

The Pastor is called to teach the faith and how to live the Gospels and he must start with the Pastoral Advisory Council. He must lead by example.

Our faith/rituals are not designed to be entertainment, we are asked to have a humble and contrite heart with our Lord.

We need to be constantly learning about our Catholic faith, as well as live our faith – be proud to be Catholic and live it out, eg. Pro-Life Walk – encourage families, children, etc. to do the walk together.

We need to be examples to each other and encourage each other.

We are called to care for each other and help each other along the way – family, worship, celebration.