

## All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Aaron Skretting, Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** - add 6b. Presentation by Syrian Priest, Father Lukas  
Jenny Feher, Roisin Spitzig - Moved
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – add the bolded text to the following from Minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018: #3. \*request for dispersal of information, in a manner more complete (paper) and to the entire Parish, was discussed **and approved, regarding the New Church.**  
Helen Manzara, Richard Shelson - Moved
4. **Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
  - a. Finances – currently all is well financially but attention will need to be taken of our Refugee Fund as it needs replenishing. We are still responsible for the new family for a whole year. They are currently working on ameliorating their English as there is still quite a language barrier at this time. The computer systems have been updated however this has caused problems with emails at this time. Also, with all the snow and consequent melting, there have been leaks at Assumption. Contractors will be contacted to address these.
  - b. Easter – the numbers of attendees are in, and this year it was 1751 whereas in 2017 it was 1572. The Blessing of the Easter Baskets was relatively the same; however the families attending were different from last year.
  - c. Notable Dates - Please review the Reports when they are sent and note the dates of activities etc.
  - d. Youth Rally - was cancelled due to lack of registrations (only 18 from Lethbridge) and we were looking at a loss of \$6900 if it would have gone ahead. The Lethbridge Catholic Youth Ministry decided to go ahead and hold a Youth Retreat for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (the same date) which would include youth related activities, small group sharing, Mass at 5:00 PM and a Pizza party. It will be held in Assumption Hall. A big Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to help with the Youth Rally; you may be approached to help in the future as your screening is in order.
  - e. Ordination to Priesthood - Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Derek Remus from our Parish will be ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary.

There is a bus going so if you wish to go, please sign up as soon as possible to help determine the size of bus needed.

- f. Comin' Alive Camp – will happen in July at Assumption which means that meeting rooms, hall, and parking lot will be used by the camp. We are encouraged to pray for good weather.
- g. Share the Mission Nominations – coordinated by the School Board. Nomination sheets are available at the Church Office to spotlight an outstanding teacher, principal, administrative member, volunteer, or parent who has made an impact in a school.
- h. Chalice – Every year the Parish is sent a President's Report highlighting the budget for the past year for this charity, for example, 401 houses were built or repaired, 34 schools were built or repaired, 153 water projects were started, etc. For Chalice, less than 1% of monies sent are used for overhead. It is a Canadian organization out of New Brunswick that runs internationally and which has a very high ranking amid government reporting standards.
- i. Presentation by Dorothy Boras CWL regarding anti-pornography and government legislations regarding regulated age restrictions to websites.

**Motion: Dorothy Boras moved that the CWL Pornography Hurts presentation should be distributed parish wide as a bulletin insert. Seconder: Karen Zielke**

**5. Old Business** – None at this time

**6. New Business** –

- a. Presentation on Chalice by Alice Matisz requesting a Sponsorship Drive like we had at All Saints Parish 8 years ago. Child Sponsorship would come from many countries. At times people have had the opportunity to even go and visit their sponsored child and their community. It must be noted that such an activity should not occur in the Sanctuary as per requested by the Bishop, but could happen in conjunction with a K of C Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.  
**Motion: Alice Matisz moved that Chalice Champions organize a Sponsorship Drive at All Saints Parish. Seconder: Lisa Noronha**
- b. Father Lucas, Orthodox Syrian Priest spoke to Pastoral Advisory Council regarding the challenges and atrocities that the Syrian people have faced. He is from Homs, Syria where he was a parish priest of 180 families or approximately 2000 people. There has been a Syrian Crisis in Syria since 2011 whereby now in 2018 it has grown to be multi-country crises. In 2012 people were forced out of their churches which were consequently overtaken and destroyed, as

were their homes. Over 100,000 people were forced to move and were displaced. In 2014 agencies from Europe worked with ACN (Aid Church in Need, a Catholic group from Germany), and Caritas, to help Iraq and Syria with many programs, agencies and resources. By 2015 people were moving out of Syria where they had no homes, no future and no hope. At this time, over 70% of Syria is destroyed. However, the people know that God is guiding them, leading them to seek to rebuild their faith, churches, parishes, houses, etc. We need to pray for an end to the war in Syria, and make 2018 the last year for war. Father Lucas is currently working with the Syrian Church and the Mennonite Central Committee (who have sponsored 18 Syrian families). In our Calgary Diocese, we have the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) who try to help Syria and Lebanon to bring families here. We have sponsored 2 families at this time.

**7. PAC Activity** – There was no Activity at this time.

**8. Future Meeting Dates for 2018 at Assumption Hall at 7:00 PM**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – followed by a Social**