

## All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Roisin Spitzig, Past Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** – Shelley Thom/Norm Whelpley - Moved
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Correction: upon questioning of the state of St. Patrick's Church finances, the following correction/explanation was offered. St. Patrick's Church was shuttered in 2011 by Bishop Henry. When Father Kevin reviewed the financial statements of St. Patrick's back to the 1980's, it showed that St. Patrick's was using the Central Fund money to meet their operating costs. Correction: 4m of the Pastor's Report should say that our financial responsibility for our refugee family ends in March. – Accepted with changes – Lois Cicman/Shelley Thom
4. **Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
  - a. Martha Sisters – The Martha Sisters have been in Lethbridge for 90 years. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there will be a celebration at the Galt Museum which will include a running exhibit from June to September. It will highlight their history and their time in Lethbridge. Covenant Health will be a part of this.  
**MOTION:** by Esther Lambert - That All Saints Parish, and St. Martha's Parish be involved in some way to recognize the Martha Sisters. – Seconded: Mary Schmid
  - b. Refugee Family – We will support our current family until the end of March, however, it is recommended that we walk and journey with them onwards. 80% of refugee families are gainfully employed when sponsored by churches and private organizations, however the statistics are much lower for those families sponsored by the government.
  - c. Stations of the Cross – Stations will be offered during Lent – 3:00 PM at St. Basil's (all dates to lead are taken), and 7:00 PM at Assumption where it will be at the same time as Adoration (there are still 2 dates available to help lead). The leaders will use the choir area and use the microphone there. There will be no cross bearers and no candles. It will be conducted in a more pious manner.
  - d. Lenten Soup Suppers – will be offered every Friday before Stations at Assumption Hall at 6:00 PM, except for March 15th, 2019.

- e. Lenten Lunches – This is an ecumenical lunch offered on Thursdays at lunchtime. The various church places and times will be in the bulletin. All Saints will be on April 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Basil's.
- f. Passion Play Re-enactment – The dates are April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM and April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Both performances will be at Assumption Church.
- g. St. Patrick's Party – will be celebrated on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Assumption Hall. Tickets are available at the Church Office.
- h. Charity Supper – The Knights of Columbus #10547 will be hosting a Charity Supper on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 where the proceeds will go to L'Arche.
- i. PAC Meeting Dates – a correction on the next **PAC Meeting Dates: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, both at Assumption Hall at 7:00 PM.**
- j. Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines – There will be a meeting with the Executive of the PAC Council where they will go over possible changes to the booklet. Executive members are encouraged to read it over.
- k. Finances – Income is the same as 2018 however expenses are up. February expenses for gas, power and water have increased, as did for snow removal.
- l. Security Lighting – Changes were made to Assumption and changes for St. Basil's will occur soon.
- m. Locked Doors – The locking of doors is still an issue at both churches and halls. **EVERYONE! PLEASE MAKE SURE DOORS ARE LOCKED WHEN LEAVING. IF UNSURE, PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK!!!**

- 5. **Old Business** – No Old Business at this time
- 6. **New Business** – No New Business at this time
- 7. **PAC Activity** – Teachings of the Church – See next page
- 8. **Adjourned**
- 9. **Future Meeting Dates: PAC Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Social to follow**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are 3 different numbers for the Stations of the Cross:

14 stations – ends with the coming down from the cross

15 stations – ends with the Resurrection

33 stations – starts with the Annunciation and goes onwards to represent one station per year of Jesus' life

-is now prayed during Lent

-used to be prayed every Friday of the year

-is a teaching tool for us, Catholics

-also called the Way of the Cross

-we are encouraged to be a participant in the stations – see yourself as a Jesus walking with the cross and going to his crucifixion; to be involved

Popular Piety – personal devotions that we have

-there has been an increase, a resurgence over the years

-always mindful of the guidance of the Holy Spirit

-examples are: vigil candles and prayers in churches, prayer to St. Michael after Mass (requested by Pope Francis), wearing scapulars and medals, Stations of the Cross, Corpus Christi