

## All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Aaron Skretting, Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** – add in New Business a letter from Aaron Skretting – Dorothy Boras/Mike Roberts
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Tabled until there is clarification on the SOCA Report #7 – “Bishop Henry’s declared aim from the year he arrived as Bishop of Calgary (1998) was to build a New Church and dispose of the three existing churches.” Father Kevin has asked that this be stricken from the Reports – facts vs opinion. Francis Noronha is to review records to verify his statement. Minutes to be approved contingent to this at the PAC in January 2019 (there will not be a formal PAC Meeting in December).
4. **Pastor’s Report** – Fr. Kevin
  - a. Parking – Green’s Pop Shop has sent a letter to All Saints advising them that as of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the parking lots will be closed at their store, to parishioners and any violators will be ticketed and/or towed.
  - b. Retreats – Grade 2 Retreats are done and teachers were very happy and thankful.
  - c. St. Nicholas Supper – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This will hopefully be a wonderful celebration for all.
  - d. PAC Meeting – The December PAC Meeting will just be the Social as there is the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, and this will be our meeting.
  - e. Bishop’s Visit – Bishop McGrattan will be in Lethbridge in December to meet with the Building Committee to see where we go from here.
  - f. Bishop’s Supper – The Bishop’s Supper will take place in Lethbridge in October 2019 in conjunction with St. Martha’s, and as this is a fundraising event, funds will go to the Building Fund. This will be a Pastoral Zone event.
  - g. Parish Activities for the Advent Season –
    - Craft Fair on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
    - Penitential Services/School Masses will be in the bulletin. There are many penitential services offered.
    - Simbang Gabi – is a Filipino/Spanish cultural celebration. It is a 9-day Novena Mass. It will start on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the

6:00 PM Mass and will continue during the week, ending at Midnight Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The two city parishes will be involved. See the bulletin for more details. All are welcome!

- h. Youth Program – Bishop McGrattan is happy with our Youth Programs, which are still a work in progress. He attended True North, a Compass Retreat in November where 42 young adults were on retreat and he held a Question and Answer period with them. Our youth are very active in the sacrament of Reconciliation and this is very encouraging.
- i. Literature – Wisdom Program – Wisdom is used in teaching us about tithing. The Church considers 10% a bare minimum. However, our Parish needs to be encouraged and celebrate our generosity - \$8000+ was sent to missions up north, \$11,000+ was sent to world missions, \$9000+ was given to Catholic Education. We need to encourage and help each other regarding the care of our Parish and its needs (people and property).
- j. Finances/Maintenance – as of October 2018, the parish is \$11,000 down from our budget (expenses over revenue) but we have made our Together In Action and \$30,000+ has been collected for various other things (missions, Catholic Education, etc.); we also have December to help.
- k. Advent – our focus should be on Peace. Challenge to not complain the entire Advent Season. Let's communicate more and in a more positive manner. We need to focus on the positive and always strive to build up the kingdom of God.
- l. Red Wednesday – Prayed an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

**5. Old Business** – No Old Business at this time

**6. New Business** – Aaron Skretting shared information that at Eastertime. 83 students will be going to Europe to learn more specifically about the Holocaust. On Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Dr. Eva Olsen will speak about the Holocaust as she is 94 years old and a Holocaust survivor. Coordinating efforts with other interested parties to offset costs for her to be here are being assessed.

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

**8. Adjourned**

**9. Future Meeting Dates:**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Social to follow**

All PAC Meetings will be on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall**