

All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Richard Shelson, Vice-Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** - add 6. Crossroads Healing Center, Richard Shelson
Accepted with additions – Peter Lilienthal, Cliff Bogdan - Moved
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – with changes to the following:
4b. Flood was a ground water flood where the sewer lines were plugged but the clay pipes were cleaned. Flood at St. Basil's was due to the heating line leaking.
Accepted with changes – Don Bruchet, Norm Whelpley – Moved
4. **Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
 - a. Finances – We are currently even with last year's budget. The Together In Action campaign was made already (in 9 months). The Refugee Fund is doing well at the moment due to Together In Action, because the surplus is designated to this fund (approximately \$9000).
 - b. PAC Meeting – A date change from April 17th to April 24th, 2019, due to it being Holy Week.
 - c. Suggestion for Security Lighting – It was suggested that there be security lighting around St. Patrick's but this is not being encouraged as lights will encourage street people congregating. This issue will continue to be monitored.
 - d. Mass Ministries – Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are needed for the 5:00 PM Mass at Assumption, as are Sacristans for the 9:00 AM Mass at Assumption. Individuals will be trained as needed. There is a need for someone to take over the linen cleaning and washing (altar cloths, etc.) at Assumption.
 - e. Koinonia Spaghetti Supper – was a great success. 14 new young people volunteered to help. This is great as it encourages youth participation in our fundraising efforts.
 - f. Father's Health – A thank you to those who have enquired about Father's recent surgery. All is well but a bit of recovery time is needed, please be patient.
 - g. Maintenance – Carey is starting to prep for winter. The boilers and furnaces for all the churches have been checked. St. Basil's will

have to be monitored regarding the heating system as it is from the 1950's.

- h. Future Dates – **November 1st** 12 noon Mass at Assumption and 7:00 at St. Basil's; **November 2nd** 9:00 AM Mass at Assumption with Adoration to follow (*Adoration and Mass cannot happen at the same time); **November 2nd** Saints and Sinners Party sponsored by Koinonia at Assumption Hall; **June 23rd 2019** Corpus Christi
- i. Reports – There is nothing from Rome regarding the SOCA letters/documents from SOCA. Also, the report from the Bishop was sent to Father Kevin for review and was sent back to Calgary with revisions and corrections. Bishop McGrattan says to “keep on doing what you're doing. Be happy!” - Our finances are good, our Sacramental Preparation is good, and our screening is good.
- j. Questions: Should we have a Pro-Life Representative as part of our Pastoral Advisory Council? Yes, we should. Theresa Prozniak has volunteered to be our representative. What is the stand on marijuana by the Catholic Church? There is a statement out on the Church's stance on marijuana; however, Father Kevin needs to review this. He suggests that questions like: How does the Model Code of Conduct work along with this, especially regarding children and our vulnerable? How will this affect screening? Etc. There will NOT be any smoking of pot on church property!
- k. Bishop's Dinner – This year is in Calgary on Friday, October 19th, 2018. The next one will be in May 2019, however, the fall one will either be in Lethbridge or Medicine Hat, and will alternate years. The undertaking of such an event would involve much work and would be an invitation to the entire Pastoral Zone. It would be in October 2019 and some considerations we would need to think about would be: the venue, the selling of tickets, organization of a dinner, how many people to accommodate, entertainment, etc. The Parish would front the money to begin with. We would also have to designate a charity where the money would go as this is a fundraiser.
- l. Martha Retreat Center – Next year will be the 90 year celebration that Lethbridge has had the Martha Sisters, and they will be leaving. The Retreat Center will be turned into a Society, but at this time this has not been confirmed. The Galt Museum will host a commemoration about the Martha Sisters and their time here in 2019. They will be the last of the Religious to leave our city. This is very sad. They were very valuable over the years. It would be wonderful to see the Retreat Center remain Catholic in nature.

5. **Old Business** – No old business at this time.
6. **New Business** – Crossroads Healing Center, Richard Shelton. On Thursday, November 8th, 2018 Crossroads Healing Center will be having a fundraising dinner. This is their main fundraiser for the year. It is one of the charities, non-profit, that the Together In Action supports, and it gains most of its funding from various churches. It is a counselling center where priests sometimes send people to help them.
7. **Adjournment**