

All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Aaron Skretting, Chairperson
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** –Mike Roberts/Richard Shelson - Moved
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Accepted by John Cicman/Peter Lilienthal - Moved
4. **Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
 - a. Security – Locks and keys have been changed over however no interior doors have been affected. The exterior door at St. Basil's on the north side has been replaced and will no longer be an entrance door. The entrance door is facing the street at the top of the stairs. There will now be new policies regarding keys in place. Father Kevin and Father Albert will open the churches one hour before Mass and the church will be open for 1 hour after Mass, however, for the 7:30 AM Mass, St. Basil's will be opened at 6:50 AM. When Father leaves, there will be no one in the building, it will be closed and locked. For the various functions in the parish, key holders will sign out a key with a \$50 deposit and then need to sign it back in the next day. Please note that key holders are legally liable, and it is their responsibility to ensure that the church and halls are closed and locked. Since May the church has been left unlocked five times and twice the church was locked but not closed. There will still be some tweaking of the key policies that will need to be done but we are closer to following the conditions of our insurance policy.
 - b. We are having an issue at St. Basil's with street people, especially by the main entrance door facing the street. Not sure what to do at this time.
 - c. Finances – As of September 18th (at our Finance Council Meeting) we are short \$19,000 for our budget. Expenses are going up for gas, power, water, telephone, etc. All of these utilities have increased with inflation. There may be hope because generally October, November, and December are better months for donations to the Church. We are also \$12,000 short on our Together In Action at this time. It will be due at the end of the year, however, no need to worry yet. Reminder that we all need to search each of our hearts, and capabilities, and see where to give to our Church – tithing, donations, bequests, etc.
 - d. Bishop's Dinner – We are hosting this banquet this year. Tickets are still available; please don't wait until the last minute to get them as numbers are needed for planning – seating, food, etc. Questions from students and parishioners were sent to the Bishop for his review and answers. This will allow everyone to know our Bishop; some will be lighthearted, while others will be more serious.
 - e. GRACE – Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education. This is a program/association to advocate for Catholic Education which is currently under attack. Both the public and Catholic school systems challenge each other to do

better and it is good for everyone. We need to stand up for Catholic Education. They are both needed. The Catholic education system has never run under a deficit, however the public system has.

- f. Confirmation – is set for May 23rd, 2020 in Lethbridge, where it will combine both parishes – All Saints and St. Martha’s.
- g. Body of Christ – At the end of November, there will be a four-week session on the Body of Christ. Look for more details to come.
- h. Cookies – are being requested for the various retreats held at the parish. If you are able to contribute, please bring into the Church Office.
- i. Review of PAC Council – As of September 2019, the Executive of the Pastoral Advisory Council has diminished. There are 2 members who are no longer part of our parish, and 3 others who have reached the end of their term, thereby leaving 5 vacancies. From the *Guidelines on Parish Councils*, interested members who wish to be on the Executive should apply to Father Kevin. If there are more than five interested members, there will be a voting process in November.

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

6. **New Business** – None at this time

7. **PAC Activity** – see next page

8. **Adjourned**

9. **Future Meeting Dates: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall**

-October 23rd, 2019

-November 20th, 2019

-December 11th, 2019 – with Social

-January 22nd, 2020

-February 19th, 2020

-March 18th, 2020

-April 22nd, 2020

-May 20th, 2020

-June 17th, 2020 – with Social

PAC ACTIVITY

September 18th, 2019

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL?

- learning about the Holy Spirit and how he works in our lives and learning to encompass it.
- God wants a “humble, contrite heart...” – He is not about the “I.”
- learning to love the Holy Spirit in use and the gifts given to us.
- begins with the individual with the pouring out of love, compassion and understanding (even if we disagree, allowing for God to work through the issues.)
- never ends, even in death if continues on in Purgatory.
- to build up the Kingdom of God
- we are God’s children on a journey working on our relationship/love every day, with Him and others.
- Ask God to work in other’s lives – when praying, try to not use “I” but rather, “God, can you...” Put God into the equation. His Will be done, even if the “I” is in conflict with this. Being open to what He wants - in our heart and our mind.
- Challenge: to do a self-inventory of how often we do something bad in a day and try to change it around to encourage or be kind instead.