

All Saints Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Led by Andy Gruninger
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda** – Correction: #3. To read January, not November. Moved with correction by Mike Roberts. Seconded by Shelley Thom. Carried.
- 3. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Correction: #2. To read center transept, not west. Moved with correction by Mike Roberts. Seconded by Shelley Thom. Carried.
- 4. Pastor's Report** –
 - a. ELCPAP** – Encouraged to go onto the parish website to find up-to-date information. On February 7th a final meeting of the PAT was held with Bishop McGrattan being in attendance. He was presented with various recommendations for our parish moving forward. He now has all the information gleaned from this project – this includes two surveys (one from Options Generation, one from Needs Analysis and Assessments). He also has the most recent Building Condition Assessments – one plan had suggested that all old things be replaced to new, however it was found that this was not really feasible, one plan also included a five-year plan for upgrades, etc. There were over 40 different scenarios reviewed by the PAT Team. Over 800 pages of information were handed over to the Bishop. He was also given two budget proposals and these will now all go to his consultants in the Dioceses for review. They will either: a) accept recommendations from the PAT Team, b) reject recommendations from the PAT Team, or c) negotiate options. There will be a meeting on April 7th where the Bishop will make public his decision.
 - b. Finances and Maintenance** –
 1. Regarding Maintenance, the parish is always looking for volunteers to help in various areas.
 2. The Rectory at St. Patrick's is in the highest crime area in Alberta. Safety is always an issue.
 3. It was noted that with the recent thaw that there was no leak at Assumption – Yay! Two doors at Assumption Church have been repaired/refinished but the two middle ones still need to be done.

4. The canopy at St. Basil's was repaired and lights will be changed to brighten the area. Doors at St. Basil's will be taken down and repaired. The organ/piano at the front of St. Basil's needs repairs however, parts are no longer available. The Music Ministry is looking into what would best fit. There is an organ upstairs at St. Basil's that still works but this doesn't quite fit our needs.
5. At St. Patrick's there are tiles missing, etc. which still need to be looked at. The wheelchair lift (it is not an elevator) is in need of repair/assessment. Still waiting on Edmonton's elevator people to come but may have a lead at this time from Calgary who would be able to assess the situation. There is a style available much like what we have but at the cost of \$10,000 - \$14,000. The building would also need to be assessed to see if we could accommodate a new lift.
6. Together In Action promo has not been released at this time (usually out the first week of Lent) but will be here next week as the Diocese Pastoral Centre staff is down by 50% at this time.
7. Huge thank you to our parishioners for their continued generosity as our needs/bills are being met.

c. Activities –

1. Julie Rose, Chairperson from Corpus Christi Processions indicated 20 – 25 people are part of the committee. It is going well at this time.
2. Comin' Alive Camp will be going on this summer, look for more information to come.
3. St. Patrick's Day Celebration will occur after the 5:00 PM Mass on March 16th, at Assumption Hall. Tickets are \$30/adult, \$10/kids. There will be food and music.
4. Lent/Easter is on its way. There have been over 530 views on Father Santiago's Presentation, and approximately 80 people in the church. On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross happen at 5:30 PM, Supper at 6:00 PM, and Father Santiago's Presentation at 7:15 PM, with Benediction to follow afterwards. (N.B. During Adoration there is to be no movement during Stations – not even the leaders.)

5. Facebook page for All Saints is available. There are 832 followers at this time.
6. There will be an Ecumenical Lunch at St. Basil's at noon on February 22nd.
5. **Diocese Renewal** – There are lots of different aspects to the Renewal in our Diocese, and each parish is unique in its needs, size, etc. We will be having the Eucharist under both species starting on Holy Thursday. There will be two training sessions for Ministers of the Eucharist – March 3rd from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM at Assumption, and March 9th from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM at St. Basil's. These training sessions have been requested by Bishop McGrattan. A meeting was held at St. Martha's – eight parishioners from All Saints have stood up to be part of the Renewal Committee. A Zoom meeting was held with other parishes across the Diocese – 500+ people. Renewal is set up for five years. Initially the parish teams will be trained and then go out to the parishes. Not all parishes will have the same Renewal process. Several parishes did not send Renewal representatives; however, the south was well represented. The Renewal commitment for each volunteer is 2 years, whereby they can renew their commitment. Within the Diocese there are three groups of parishes: a) mega parish, b) sustainable parish, and c) Non-sustainable. Finances and attendance are criteria for determining which category a parish belongs. Twenty-five parishes are operating at a deficit. Also, the Diocese is out by 10 priests at this time.
6. **PPC Activity** – Father Kevin played a video by Father Casey, OFM, about Confession. It is important that during this sacrament that we be contrite (have contrition) and be very sorry for our sins. We have a licence for “FORMED” and there are lots of resources (films, teachings, etc.) on this site about all sorts Catholic things.

Question: How many Spiritual Directors do we have in Lethbridge?

Answer: There are six.

7. **Adjourned** – Prayed together the Prayer for East Lethbridge Catholic Parish Assessment Project. Moved by Mike Roberts. Seconded by Adam Thom. Carried.
8. **Future Meeting Dates:**
 - March 13th, 2024
 - April 10th, 2024
 - May 8th, 2024
 - June 12th, 2024**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall**