

## **All Saints Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**7:00 PM Assumption Hall**

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Led by Andy Gruninger
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda** – Moved by Cyndi Lilienthal. Seconded by Peter Lilienthal. Carried.
- 3. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Moved by Cliff Bogdan. Seconded by John Cicman. Carried.
- 4. Pastor's Report** –
  - a. Repairs/Updates** – In 2019, approval was given to freshen up Assumption Hall. It is not in the process of being cleaned and painted. The colors decided will be a blue and a white. The east, south and west walls will all be blue and the north wall will be white. The glass blocks attached to the walls will not be painted. Also, there will be film covering the upper windows to filter sunlight. At this time three quotes have been submitted - \$7500, \$4200, and \$2800. The lower two quotes did not include washing or priming the walls. A further check into these quotes will be looked into. There is no longer a gas smell in the Assumption Hall because on May 29<sup>th</sup> (Election Night) an individual called the Fire Department to report the smell and the came and proceeded to call ATCO gas who came to shut off the gas valve – which was found behind the stove. The adjusting valve to the pilot lights was leaking. There is a grill that will now be removed and a new valve shot off will be attached (not behind the stove). The front door of Assumption Church will be looked at as the veneer is peeling. St. Patrick's – there have been ongoing issues with citizens "shooting up" around the rectory at all hours of the day and night. Lighting will be changed to a blue spotlight. St. Basil's roof needs to be repaired, however, the quotes that were looked at were a year old. Also the canopy at St. Basil's needs to be replaced.
  - b. Environment** – A big thank you goes to Shelley Thom for the beautiful flowers at the churches. The junipers pulled out at St. Basil's will be replaced with other plants.
  - c. Refugee Committee** – There are 2 Syrian families who will arrive in September or early October. They will be requiring various items – large and small – of good quality, and hopefully the Refugee Committee will connect with St. Vincent de Paul to see what will be

needed. Our refugee work will continue so we need to keep up on some storage possibilities. We need to welcome and greet new parishioners and possibly ask them, when appropriate, if they need help.

- d. Socialization - For the past 7 months, after the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass, approximately 35 – 50 people have been having coffee together. After the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass this week there will be a coffee social put on by the Assumption CWL. There will be various dates for a Parish BBQ – one potentially in July, in August and in September. They will be held at Assumption on a Sunday and will start serving at 3:30 PM. Mass at 6:00 PM will not change.
- e. Family Life Coordinator – When this individual is hired, they will work with Cindy Groten and Shelley Thom. The Synod on the Family talks about the youth being part of the whole parish. The Youth Minister belongs to the whole parish.
- f. Adoration – At St. Patrick's, the cost of a security guard is costing the parish \$90 each time (\$30/hr). The last few times attendance was 32 person, 17 persons, and 41 persons. How many will attend on July 1<sup>st</sup> is unsure. SOCA will be praying the Rosary on the front steps at 9:30 AM – before the 10:00 AM opening.  
Question – On the front steps? Are SOCA contributing?  
Answer – only prayers...
- g. Ministries – There is a request for more ministers for each Mass.  
Questions – Can we do more than one ministry? Are you planning on doing the training in September?  
Answer – At this time you can do 2 at the same Mass. There is a need for altar servers with training. It will be in the bulletin again this weekend. With COVID altar servers are scarce; however, adults can serve as well. Choirs are scarce too. All ministries are needed. Other churches are having the same issues too with no volunteers. Even live-streaming people are needed as this reaches our church family in nursing homes, etc. Yes, training will happen.
- h. Priests and Deacons -  
Question – When is the Ordination of the Deacons going to happen?  
Answer – November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary.  
Question – When are the moves coming for the priests?  
Answer – I have no idea.  
Question – How is your replacement sitting?

Answer – The Bishop said, “Kevin, you’re in there for the long haul.” There are at this time 65 parishes in the Diocese and 63 priests. Santiago (Father Santiago) is going to be the only newly ordained priest this year for the Diocese.

**5. ELC PAP –**

- a. Options Generation surveys are done. There were 398 surveys turned in with 1200 people at Mass on the weekend. This is a good turnout. Now the Options Generation Committee will create “buckets” by collecting like-minded ideas that go together in groups.
- b. Data Collection – This Committee will have a survey geared towards programs and space needs. It will go out to the parish this weekend – even before the Masses where there will be a 10 minute buffer before Mass starts to allow parishioners to complete the surveys. (Surveys were handed out to the attending PPC membership.) 1200 responses are hoped for by the end of the survey. It can be found on the website as well at this time. Please encourage everyone to share this information with as many people as possible. All groups and their situations and circumstances need to have a voice – “it is important to you and to the collective of the future.” It will be looking at need and the levels of importance. This tabulation method will be easier to analyze and categorize due to the rating system. This will allow for great potential on many different levels for our parish.  
There are approximately 4000 registered members of the parish – individuals who are baptised.

- 6. Old Business –Soup Suppers** – Approximately 70 people were at the first Friday Soup Supper. This is a wonderful way for our church community to socialize and we need to encourage others to come and let them know. Families are very welcome and there a little ones running around enjoying themselves. The youth (10 years +) are wanting to help – their desire is there and also should be encouraged.

Question: Regarding soup suppers, is there a good turnout of refugees or immigrants?

Answer: Some go to the more fun stuff. Some come – 2 families came at the last one. We need to welcome and connect with them.

- 7. New Business** – None at this time.

Comment: At the Sunday Night Mass the gift bearers, a family, was wonderful to see.

Reverence – There has been a diminishment in our reverence, especially with the pew drops during the Eucharistic Prayer. There is a lack of respect – should genuflect to the Tabernacle upon entering. Also, churches are only supposed to have one entrance (with many exits if desired) but only 1 to welcome the people because we are on Body of Christ, one community, one family.

**8. Adjourned** – Moved by Mike Roberts. Seconded by Cyndi Lilienthal.  
Carried.

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

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**There will be NO meeting in December 2023**