

## All Saints Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Led by Andy Gruninger
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** – Moved by Bob Spitzig. Seconded by Lewis Callahan. Carried.
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Moved by Lewis Callahan. Seconded by Faye Henderson. Carried.
4. **Pastor's Report** – led by Father Kevin
  - a. Finances – Father Kevin met with the Finance Council this date. By the end of October, the parish will be down by \$5000. Overall income is down by 6.5% but maintenance is up by 37%, gas is up by 15.5%, power is up by 15% (these increases may also be due to St. Patrick's being open more often), however, water is down by 6.8%. We are currently operating in the black – JUST. We are also short on our Together In Action but hope for an increase in December. Future costs may include Assumption's furnaces which are on their last legs and replacement of lights to LED at St. Patrick's (cost of over \$9000). The parish is looking at spending approximately \$33,000 for maintenance before the year's end.
  - b. New Website Design – Please go check it out. Looking for feedback as to whether it is easier to maneuver. It has been years since it was updated.
  - c. Diocese Advent Retreat – This will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a zoom presentation and since Wi-Fi is not consistent or dependable in Assumption Hall, the retreat will take place via zoom at St. Martha's.
  - d. CWL – The CWL at St. Basil's were requesting Wi-Fi at the church. The cabling would have to be replaced. The parish may look into going with Telus as an option.
  - e. St. Patrick's Fencing – The fence on the southeast corner will need to be redone. When the windows were looked at and fixed the maintenance committee realized that a large fence with a large gate would be needed, especially for cleaning downspouts, eaves troughs, etc. The washrooms have tentatively been approved. The parish is not awaiting quotes and then it will go to the Diocese for approval. The money will come out of the Central Fund for this. After a meeting with the Feasibility Committee, the Diocese indicated that

the maintenance of St. Patrick's would be up to the Diocese (paid by the Bishop and not All Saints). A consultant will now review all the maintenance requirements such as the elevator, the roof, the ramp, etc.. They will review it as a whole picture and not as a piecemeal.

Question: Will parishioners be given a chance to look at the renovations/changes at St. Patrick's?

Father Kevin: Eventually, down the road. The Diocese wants to look at the whole project.

Question: About St. Basil's Rectory, is that available space?

Father Kevin: It is mostly taken up with storage. Much would have to be done to be used for housing – insects, tearing apart floors, etc.

- f. Filipino Fundraiser – On Saturday night the fundraiser for the typhoon by the Filipino families was a success with approximately 200 tickets sold, and they could have sold more. Many were for a takeout meal.

## **5. Renewal Update – None at this time**

## **6. Committee Updates –**

- a. Needs Mitigation Committee – Julie Rose indicated that at this time there are five women as part of the committee, however, more people (younger, new to parish, etc.) are wanted to allow for a better demographic of the parish. They will hopefully be meeting every two weeks. A walk-through of Assumption and St. Basil's will be done (not St. Patrick's as this is part of the consultation with the Diocese).
- b. Unity Committee – Roisin Spitzig indicated that this committee needs to wait on the Needs Mitigation Committee before they can proceed. They met once while Father Kevin was away. Currently there are five ladies on the committee; however, they are also requesting more people be part of this committee. The Needs Mitigation Committee and the Unity Committee will overlap in time.
- c. Maintenance Committee – See Pastor's Report
- d. New Church Committee (formerly known as the Building Committee) Our mandate is to build a new church. Various aspects need to be looked at – size, can we raise the money (looking at approximately 20 – 25 million at this time), and do we have the right spaces required, etc.? People at this time are sometimes meeting in their own homes but hope this is taken into consideration for adequate meeting spaces. What programs will need spaces?

Custodial issues – overlapping, storage, etc. Bishop McGrattan says to review what we need, and do we have it right?

**7. New Business** – None

**8. PPC Teaching** – Recently Father Kevin listened to a YouTube Documentary in German (with subtitles) on “Full and Active Participation in the Church” (See attached page)

a. Father Kevin – may do a teaching (Pearls of Wisdom) in the future of what to do during Mass and why we do these things: maybe an insert into the bulletin with a link for more information. Also may do another Mass in Slow Motion.

**9. Adjourned** –Moved by Mike Roberts.

**10.Future Meeting Dates:**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall**

## Notes included from “Full and Active Participation in the Church”

- We use our full bodies during Mass – times to sit, stand and bow
- There are many movements that mean things that we should do
- We need to be consciously aware of the words we are saying during the Mass
- genuflect before entering the pew
- bless ourselves upon entering and exiting the church (this is our connection to our baptism)
- genuflect during the Creed at Christmas and Easter
- during the Eucharistic Prayer say to yourself “my Lord and my God” while bowing our heads
- during the Lamb of God we should strike our breast 3 times
- when the priest gives absolution, the people should make the sign of the cross
- there should be an order to the Communion queue
- stand until the last person has received, but may be allowed to kneel if guided by the Holy Spirit (Canada wide)

### Concerns

- why have some of these teachings fallen out of practice?
- why is there so much noise from the lowering and rising of kneelers?
- we are responsible for teaching/educating others, in love, especially the younger generation
  - we need to be an example of the right teachings and model what to do