

All Saints Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023 7:00 pm

1. Andy opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Acceptance of the agenda

a) Under New Business add: a) Maintenance – Joe Prozniak Motion to accept agenda as amended by Cyndi Lilienthal, seconded by John Cicman. Carried.

3. Accept minutes of the September 13, 2023, PPC meeting Motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2023, PPC meeting as presented by Len Whyte, seconded by Mike Roberts. Carried.

4. Pastor's Report

a) The farthest west of the front doors at Assumption is repaired and refinished and returned (and looks fantastic!). Joe will get to the other 3 front doors as he is able. When the doors are finished, crash bars will be placed on the middle 2 doors. The doors at St. Pat's and St. Basil's need to be done as well. St. Basil's doors are made from slats of wood, and you can now see daylight between the slats.

b) The return pump for the boiler at St. Basil's needs to be replaced – at an estimated cost of \$1500.

c) The gas shut-off valve in the hall kitchen at Assumption, which was awkwardly behind the grill, has been moved so that it is now accessible. The old gas grill was removed, and an attempt will be made to sell it.

d) It was recently discovered, during a toilet overflow in the lady's washroom at St. Basil's, that there is no floor drain in that washroom. The floor was flooded with a few inches of water. Even more worrying, when Fr. Kevin checked on the floor after Mass, all the water had disappeared. No idea where it went.

e) The boilers at St. Pat's are being checked and should be running for the next Saturday Adoration on October 22.

f) Joe Prozniak and his team have repaired the steps at St. Pat's. This repair alone could have cost the parish about \$17,000, but all the work was donated. Many thanks!

At this point, Fr. Kevin asked Joe to address the Maintenance item.

Joe began by acknowledging all the work that is being done in the parish by others. There is a lot more that needs to be done!

- Possibility that there could be twenty-four doors among the 3 churches that need to be fixed.

- Assumption's front doors have a thin laminate veneer on them which must be removed to make the repairs.

- St. Pat's doors will just need sanding and varnishing.

- If workers could be signed up and form small committees and help with some of the maintenance projects, it would save the parish quite a lot of money. All of our buildings need work done.

Fr. Kevin told the group that there were 72 hours of work put into fixing St. Pat's steps. A contractor suggested that the going rate would be \$200 per hour – the total cost could have come to \$14,000.

Question: Could we ask for help in the bulletin and then have sign-up sheets for various jobs?

Answer: People constantly identify things that need to be done but the parishioners who would help are becoming unable to do these jobs. There is a need to clearly identify the jobs that need to be done, keeping the tasks small so as not to overwhelm already busy people. Joe, Bob Spitzig and Don will get together and make a list of the many areas where help is needed.

5. ELCPAP (East Lethbridge Catholic Parish Assessment Project) Chapter 5 - attached

a) Fr. Kevin reported that the Options Generation Team has finished its work. They received nearly 400 responses to the survey and, thanks to the talents of Oscar Tavernini, have produced 45 pages of well-organized information. Some of the information is for the immediate project but there is also a lot of information for the future. The report has been sent to the Evaluation and Recommendation Team.

b) The Data Collection and Needs Analysis Team received nearly 800 responses to their survey and are in the midst of looking at, currently, 263 pages of data. They have sent a report capturing the responses to the Evaluation and Recommendation Team as well.

c) Fr. Kevin will be meeting with the Evaluation and Recommendation Team this Friday and Saturday to look at the reports and see what ideas are feasible. Then the Implementation Team will prepare the report to go to Bishop McGrattan, who is in Rome for the Synod meetings. He will be back in 3 weeks but will go back to Rome at the end of November. Our report has to be to him before Christmas and he will have a decision by January 15, 2024. There is a lot to think about, lots of options and whatever we do will certainly cost money.

6. New Business

a) Synod on Synodality – at the same time as he is involved with the Synod on Synodality, Bishop McGrattan is looking at the sustainability of the Calgary Diocese. In India, there are approximately 17,000 people for each Catholic priest. In the Philippines, the ratio is approximately 8,000 people for each priest, and yet, we continue to expect these countries to supply us with priests. The priests in our Diocese are aging and are not being replaced by younger men. While we are Ordaining Deacons, the scope of their position is limited as they can't hear confessions or celebrate the Mass. So, our Bishop has called for a Renewal in the Diocese with the mandate of forming Missionary Disciples in Christ. The laity needs to take on a much more active role in the church, not only monetarily but also in serving the people of God. Serving is a privilege – not everyone can do it. We must stop using the word volunteers to describe our role – volunteers offer extra. We Are DISCIPLES working in the mission of the church, helping fulfill that mission. The Deacons are the servants at the table to fulfill the mission of the church, but our mission is to fulfill the church's mission outside the church, to feed, clothe, and protect God's people.

b) Watched the Diocesan Renewal video – watch it here: <https://www.catholicyycc.ca/>
The Renewal starts now and will be active for the next 4 years. A sub-committee of PPC will be formed with 2 – 3 parishioners to be chosen who will represent our parish. We must remember that the church moves very slowly, and patience will be required. We must keep everything centered on Christ, which is the most important part of being a disciple and being obedient to him.

c) For the Renewal to work we need to understand and support it, study the points in it. As the Body of Christ, we follow God's will, not our own – stubbornly follow Christ. The Renewal will happen in stages, over time, as we learn to understand what we believe. The importance of the family is a central theme. We need to encourage our younger generations, teach them and allow

them to learn, to be a part of parish life. How else will they learn to belong? Renewal must be constant and ongoing change and growth, starting with yourself and your place in the Body of Christ. Actions are more important than words.

We will see what Bishop McGrattan brings back from the Synod meetings.

7. Andy led the group in a closing prayer.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Mike, seconded by Carmen. Carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday November 22, 2023 at 7 pm.