

## All Saints Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

1. **Opening Prayer** – Renewal Prayer led by Mike Roberts
2. **Acceptance of Agenda** – Moved by Julie Rose. Seconded by Faye Henderson. Carried.
3. **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Moved by Joe Prozniak. Seconded by Lewis Callahan. Carried.
4. **Pastor's Report** – led by Father Santiago in Father Kevin's absence, as he is away until the end of the month. Father Larry will be helping with Masses, etc.
  - a. Parish Directory – PPC Executive Members have been requested to be prepared for a group photo for our Parish Directory at our next meeting (November 13<sup>th</sup>).
  - b. Repairs – Approximately \$60,000 has been spent for fencing at St. Patrick's. There is only the County side to be still built. This total also includes a panic door at Assumption as per required by code. The empty space by Assumption Church is not being used as a storage area.
  - c. Priest Study Days – These study days happen annually where all the priests in the Diocese gather together and usually provides guidance by the Bishop. (Bishop McGrattan is in Rome for the Synod at this time.) There were talks about the Renewal, as it has been in effect since its launch a year ago on the feast of St. Francis of Assis. The Renewal is a 5-year plan to reawaken the faith of the Catholic Church.
  - d. Penitential Services – The dates and times for the Advent Penitential Services were set. All Saints' day is to be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A complete list of churches and times will be available closer to Advent.
5. **Renewal Update** – There was survey done several months ago for the Diocese and the results are still coming in. The Renewal Team will meet to see and review the information and present these to the parish.
6. **Committee Updates** –
  - a. Needs Mitigation Committee – Julie Rose indicated that there was a meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with Father Kevin and Dean Carton. 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.

- b. Unity Committee – Roisin Spitzig indicated that this group is an offshoot of the Parish Pastoral Council. They have met with Father Kevin and Dean Carton as well. They need to wait on the Needs Mitigation Committee before they can proceed to go through the information and define parameters and where the parish should go with our needs regarding what we can do, what we cannot do and what we might need to modify. Currently there are five ladies on the committee; however, they are also requesting more people be part of this committee. If interested, please contact Father Santiago or Father Kevin.
- c. Maintenance Committee – There are currently 6 members on this committee and they meet every two weeks. There are guidelines set by Bishop McGrattan that need to be looked at. Safety is a main concern. At **St. Patrick's** there are bricks missing at the top of the church by the eaves trough. The handicapped washrooms will go out for tender shortly and blueprints drawn up. The steps also need to be redone. Several trees have been cut down. The repair work at the Rectory on the sunroom is still being worked on. The contractor used will revisit and correct the issue. At **St. Basil's** there is a stairwell issue to look into. The canopy (sheltered area) by the south doors will be done after the cement work is done. The possible replacement of two furnaces at **Assumption** needs consideration. Panic doors are being installed.
- d. New Church Committee (formerly known as the Building Committee) – Plans for a new church are a go ahead. The committee currently consists of 8 – 10 people (appointed). There is a representative for the Bishop on the committee. They meet every two weeks. Review of all past work done by this committee has to be looked at – site, costs, size of church, etc. They will then give a Feasibility Report to the Bishop that will identify the work needing to be done going forward. Following this, there will be a presentation to the parish. This is a huge task and will take some time. Fundraising cannot go ahead until after the Feasibility Report is done. Bishop McGrattan will meet with the committee on November 7<sup>th</sup>, where they will also discuss fundraising and there is hope that it will start again this year.

## 7. **New Business** – None

**8. PPC Teaching** – Father Santiago gave a talk on “our Mission” in the Catholic Church as children of Christ – it is OUR mission. We are all called to be HOLY, to be saints. By our baptism and the grace given by God the Father, we have the mission to share our faith with others.

**9. Adjourned** –Moved by Helen Manzara.

**10.Future Meeting Dates:**

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

**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**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**