

St. Martha's Pastoral Parish Council MEETING MINUTES – January 17, 2019



PURPOSE: *To assist the pastor and the faithful to exercise their joint ministries in building up the Kingdom of God in St. Martha's Parish, Lethbridge.*

PLACE: St. Martha Parish – Parish Library

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

In attendance:

- Deacon Michael Pollard
- Tom Jepp
- Mardi Renyk
- Marc Royer (Presenter)
- Bruce Barnett (Chair)
- Therese Munroe
- Pat Spiess
- Dan Wyton (Interim Secretary)
- John Novak

Regrets:

- Father William Monis
- Jeanette Cheshire (Office Staff Representative)
- Anisha Gatner

Item:	
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm Deacon Michael read from the gospel. Discussion followed.
Amendments/Approval of the January 17 agenda	<i>Approved by Pat Spiess. Seconded by Therese Munroe.</i> The following items were added to the agenda Presentation: Marc Royer 4d) Formed Update and Website 5g) Dynamic Catholic Youth 5h) Jeanette – Office Staffing
Approval of the Past Minutes	Amendments to Nov. 15 Minutes <i>Moved by John Novak. Seconded by Mardi Renyk.</i>
Presentation	Presentation from Marc Royer Eight (8) new people giving weekly, this has increased the amount of money the parish is raising by \$240 a week. 24 people have signed up for monthly deposits. Marc Royer sees this as a success, Father will make an announcement at a future Mass to thank the people for this. In the future the pamphlets that were printed will be sent home with students from St. Martha's school to see if we can get more of these people to sign up for autodebit as well. Marc brought forward a letter that he would like to have sent to the board to get final approval on this.

	<p>Maintenance committee has been working hard on the church. Marc has an idea for a fundraiser that he will say at a future date. The committee has done a micro-assessment of the church for a way that we could improve the church and bring it up to date. Marc has also been working on forming a Fundraising committee that will be useful to bring more funds into the church. The committee is to fundraise for a one-time thing to improve the church. It is not to be ongoing.</p> <p>Marc Royer would like to make a needs board in the church. This would be used to encourage people to share their talents to do the things that are currently required in the church. This board has been approved by Father. This board could be discussed further at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>John Novak moved for the board to be developed. Pat Spiess seconded. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>Marc wondered what PPC would like from the Maintenance Committee. Bruce mentioned that it would be nice just to keep us updated on ongoing business. They can send us an email with a report on current progress.</p>
<p>Ongoing Business</p>	<p>a) Jason Evert Presentation – February 3, 2019</p> <p>Donation from the PPC budget to the Jason Evert event to help them financially. Bruce talked to Karl and he is not sure what the monetary need is. He has asked for St. Martha’s Parish to contribute 40 cans of pop and a small donation. In the bulletin it said that there should be a freewill donation. It came up in discussion that pop probably wasn’t required and water should be provided instead. Pat is on the committee and has suggested this to Karl in the past.</p> <p><i>Bruce Barnett moved to donate \$200 to the Jason Evert. Seconded by John Novak. Motion passed.</i></p> <p>An email has gone out to all KoC and CWL members to help out on this day. Any other volunteers available would be appreciated, and should contact Bruce.</p> <p>Jason Everts talk is at 4:00 p.m. and then again at 7:30 p.m. These events will be two separate talks on different subjects.</p> <p>b) Together in Action</p> <p>The final push for TIA is occurring. We are currently about \$5000 short of our goal. Bruce will try his best to get that going before and after the Sunday Mass.</p> <p>c) Youth Ministry</p> <p>Pat provided a report from the Youth Ministry. The Youth program in our parish has been consistently improving. There are a number of new groups for a variety of age levels, and the groups for Young Adults have been growing.</p>

	<p>Bruce would like to have further detail about the youth ministries. He would like to see a clearer description between the Youth Advisory Committee and the youth ministers. Pat explained they meet twice a month to help the ministers plan and prepare for the delivery of their lessons.</p> <p>What is Youth Advisory Committee? It is people from both parishes along with all of the priests. There will be an insert in this week’s bulletin and they will introduce themselves at the end of the masses.</p> <p>John would like to see something go in the bulletin at least once a year. Pat suggested that there are plans to put things in quarterly.</p> <p>d) FORMED Update and Website</p> <p>Daniel provided a presentation about FORMED. Discussion ensued about PPC finding a way to cover the cost of this program. John mentioned that it was PPC’s job to provide the parishioners with access to faith based programs such as this. He mentioned that CWL and KoC may be able to fund part of the cost for this.</p> <p>Pastoral council would like to tell Financial Council that this is something we would like to pursue. PPC requests that this is funded in full before the subscription lapses. Daniel will forward this on to Jeanette.</p> <p>Website discussion:</p> <p>A working group will be formed of the PPC that will be in charge of the communications and advise the PPC of what could be done.</p> <p>e) Parish Council Recruitment</p> <p>We have one new PPC member. Tom Jepp’s first meeting was today. Pat mentioned that another parish member has expressed interest.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>a) Advent Mission Debrief</p> <p>Advent mission was done the traditional way. 30-50 people attended the sessions that were held. In the future we may need to think of a different format for the mission.</p> <p>b) Lenten Mission</p> <p>There was discussion on the need of a Lenten mission with Jason Evert coming at the beginning of Feb. Daniel mentioned that we could use our FORMED subscription to do some form of a Lenten “Mission”. If we want this to happen we NEED to pay for FORMED.</p> <p>Matt Nelson’s name was brought up for a future event. Perhaps for Advent 2019.</p> <p>c) 25th Anniversary Celebration – Weekend closest to June 19th</p> <p>There will be a special Mass offered for Fr. James Hagel who recently passed away. Further discussion will happen next month.</p>

	<p>d) Parish Picnic Still will be held at St. Martha’s School in September. Anisha will be asked to book a Sunday in September right away in order to give the PPC the time needed to fully prepare for this event. Further discussion will happen next month.</p> <p>e) AGM (Date, Location, Reports) - Note: Requires Father’s approval Date: May 5 or 26 Location: St. Martha’s Parish Reports will be required prior to the AGM. Mardi will forward a form on to the members of PPC.</p> <p>f) Pastoral Initiatives Deferred. Will be a priority item during the February Meeting.</p> <p>g) Dynamic Catholic Youth John would like to move this to next month’s agenda. They are resources created by Dynamically Catholic, and might be helpful with our sacramental prep.</p> <p>h) Jeanette – Office Staffing Pat brought this item forward. PPC discussed that this is not a pastoral concern and not within our purview.</p>
Reports	Eyes and Ears
Father’s Remarks	Fathers Remarks
Blessing and Adjournment	<p>Blessing and Adjournment Deacon Michael shared the following as his final blessing: <i>When Margot was in the Foothills hospital, I spent 11 days visiting her three times daily and every time I entered the hospital I read this inscription which was just above the cornerstone of the Special Services building, and I offer it to all of you as a blessing:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Within this temple of medicine, a place of hope and faith may all be granted the wisdom to comprehend, the courage to face, the grace to surmount, and the compassion to lighten the voyage of life.”</i></p>