

St. Martha's Pastoral Parish Council

MEETING MINUTES – March 18, 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:

- Father William Monis
- Anisha Gatner (Secretary)
- John Novak
- Jeanette Cheshire (Office Staff Representative)
- Deacon Michael Pollard
- Lisza Bruder
- Mardi Renyk
- Bruce Barnett (Chair)
- Therese Munroe
- Daniel Wyton
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Regrets:

- Tom Jepp
- Nicole Wilson

Item	
1) Call to Order	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.</p> <p>Opening Prayer – Mardi Renyk read the daily Gospel. Discussion ensued.</p>
2) Additions / Approval of Agenda and Past Minutes	<p>Motion to approve the March 18, 2019 Agenda, as amended. <i>Moved by Therese Munroe. Seconded by John Novak. Carried.</i></p> <p>The agenda was amended to include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3b) Stations of the Cross on March 29, 2019 4b) Sisters of St. Martha <p>Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2019, 2018 Meeting, as amended. <i>Moved by Daniel Wyton. Seconded by Deacon Michael Pollard. Carried.</i></p> <p>Jeanette noted that she was able to procure the parish's subscription to FORMED for a reduced fee of \$700 USD.</p>
3) Ongoing Business	<p>a) Lenten Mission</p> <p>Daniel and Lisza updated PPC about plans to conduct the mission around a 5 session series regarding forgiveness found within FORMED. One episode will be played each evening (March 24, 25, and 26, 2019) and participants will be encouraged to sign in to FORMED to complete the last two episodes. This will, hopefully, allow parishioners to receive assistance in signing up for FORMED and further encourage them to use the tool.</p> <p>The church's screen, projector, and microphone will be used. Jeanette will photocopy roughly 50 study guides in preparation for the evenings.</p> <p>Adoration / reconciliation will follow the FORMED sessions/discussions.</p>

	<p>Rather than providing soup for Stations of the Cross, it was suggested that soup be served before the missions on March 24 and 25, 2019. PPC will be responsible for the meal on the March 24, 2019. Daniel, Therese, Jeanette, and Anisha will prepare soup. Lisza and John will bring buns.</p>
	<p>b) Stations of the Cross – March 29, 2019</p> <p>A reminder that PPC will be leading Stations of the Cross on March 29, 2019. As indicated in the February 21, 2019 PPC Minutes:</p> <p><i>Anisha and Pat agreed to assist with music. Nicole, John and Daniel volunteered to read. Anisha and Therese volunteered to be candle bearers. Bruce volunteered to carry the Cross.</i></p>
	<p>c) St. Martha’s 25th Anniversary Celebration (June 19, 2019)</p> <p>Father William indicated that a date change is required in an effort to accommodate Bishop McGrattan’s attendance. He has provided three potential dates to the Diocese: June 18, June 25, or July 2, 2019. We are currently awaiting a reply from the Bishop.</p> <p>Jeanette will look into 25th Anniversary gifts from the Pope. PPC discussed providing a gift to the parish in honour of this celebration. The possibility of commissioning a piece of artwork specific to St. Martha was considered. Lisza will approach Kevin Orr to see if he may be interested in the project. Anisha will conduct some online research to see if there is commercially sold artwork that may be purchased in time.</p>
	<p>d) Altar/Crucifix Redesign</p> <p>A committee has already been formed to begin considering how best to fulfill the suggestions made to St. Martha’s altar by Bishops McGrattan</p>
	<p>e) Pastoral Initiatives – Speakers List</p> <p>Lisza Bruder prepared a list of potential speakers that could be asked to talk to St. Martha’s parishioners at various times in the year. The list provided includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop McGrattan • Father Cristino Bouvette • Father Nathan Siray • Father Lukas Drapal • Father Salvador Ahumada • Sister Marie Therese (Sisters of Merciful Jesus, Wetaskiwin, AB) • Sister Maria Elisabeth (Seeds of the Word, Calgary, AB) • Michael Chiasson (Calgary, AB) • Ken and Janelle Yasinski (Saskatchewan) • Matt and Cameron Fradd (USA) • Leah Darrow (USA) • Dr. Edward Sri (USA) • Father Mike Schmitz (USA) • Jeff Cavins (USA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug and Abby Johnson • Melissa Ohden • Jen Fulwiler • Matt Nelson • Brother Michael Perra (Therese in contact with him for Advent Mission) <p>While some on this list are more difficult to access, others are quite close and may be booked on occasions when they are already coming to Lethbridge. Lisza indicated that she would begin by speaking to Sister Maria Elisabeth, from Calgary, to determine her availability.</p> <p>Further, it was determined that this agenda item should be added regularly to future PPC Meetings in order to follow up and determine next steps.</p>
4) New Business	<p>a) Parish Bulletin Redesign</p> <p>There was some discussion about developing an e-bulletin that could be emailed to subscribed parishioners. Though it was recognized that there are some parishioners who would still prefer to receive a paper copy of the bulletin, there are others who would prefer to receive it electronically. This latter option could decrease printing costs and would be considered more environmentally sound.</p> <p>It is possible this document could be developed in conjunction with the redevelopment of the parish’s website.</p>
	<p>b) Sisters of St. Martha</p> <p>The Marthas will be leaving Lethbridge in August 2019 after 90 years of service to the area. There is an active group within the community that is calling on the City of Lethbridge to develop a means of memorializing their service. The PPC agreed that they are pleased to support this effort.</p>
6) Reports	<p>a) Parish Communications Committee Update</p> <p>Daniel Wyton provided an update from the committee’s March 13, 2019 meeting.</p>
	<p>a) Eyes and Ear – PPC Update / Sharing</p> <p>It was recommended that, at the end of Mass, the recession does not begin until after the music ministry completed the first verse. Father noted that he would try, but that he does like to make sure to be at the back of the church as soon as possible to shake hands with parishioners as they leave.</p> <p>It was discussed that there is still some confusion about when parishioners are to sit down after the Eucharist. It was suggested that a simple hand gesture from Father would probably be sufficient to help decrease confusion.</p>
7) Father’s Remarks	<p>The Diocese has released the new Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines. This document will be forwarded to the PPC for discussion at the April meeting.</p>
7) Blessing and Adjournment	<p>The PPC shared in the closing, “Stewardship Prayer.”</p> <p>The meeting of March 18, 2019 was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</p>