

# St. Martha's Pastoral Parish Council

## MEETING MINUTES – September 19, 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
- Bruce Barnett (Chair)
- Daniel Wyton (Co-Chair)
- Lisza Bruder
- Anisha Gatner (Secretary)
- Jeanette Cheshire (Office Staff Representative)

**Regrets:**

- Deacon Michael Pollard
- Tom Jepp
- Jocelyn Martinez
- Therese Munroe
- Marc Royer

Item	
<b>1) Call to Order</b>	<p><b>The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.</b></p> <p>The group recited the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.</p>
<b>2) Additions / Approval of Agenda and Past Minutes</b>	<p><b>Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 Agenda, as amended.</b> <i>Moved by Lisza Bruder. Seconded by Daniel Wyton. Carried.</i></p> <p>The following items were added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3c) Meeting Dates for 2019-2020</li> <li>4d) Lenten Mission</li> <li>4e) PPC Budget</li> <li>4f) Anniversary Artwork Donations</li> <li>4g) Invitation of Youth Ministers to PPC Meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve the June 19, 2019 Minutes, as presented.</b> <i>Moved by Bruce Barnett. Seconded by Daniel Wyton. Carried.</i></p>
<b>3) Ongoing Business</b>	<p><b>a) Advent Mission (December 14 and 15) – Franciscan Brother Michael Perras</b></p> <p>The mission dates have changed to align with Brother Perras' schedule. Poster and bulletin information will be forthcoming. Jeanette will add the event to the parish calendar and place a save the date message in the bulletin.</p> <p><b>b) Catholic Spirituality Programs Offered –Leaders and New Ideas</b></p> <p>Bruce asked the council to consider the programs that are currently being offered at the parish and inquired about the viability of offering a Bible Study program at the parish. Discussion about the importance of providing resources to meet parishioners' needs ensued. Jeanette noted that "Bible Study" has been added to the "Call to Serve" to see how many parishioners may be interested in participating.</p> <p>It was suggested that the FORMED subscription could be used to facilitate a Bible Study. Father William also noted that he would inquire with St. Bonaventure in Calgary about an excellent program that they provide.</p>

	<p><b>c) Meeting Dates for 2019-2020</b></p> <p>The schedule for PPC for 2019/2020 was reviewed. As Father William will be away in January 2020, he will ask Deacon Michael to be in attendance. It was clarified that the May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020.</p>
<b>4) New Business</b>	<p><b>a) Possible Ideas for Maintenance Fundraising</b></p> <p>This item will be deferred until the October 2019 PPC Meeting. Jeanette did inform PPC that the Knights of Columbus have a great idea to raffle tickets to win \$1000 worth of grocery cards. She also suggested a craft/bake sale may be worthwhile. Lastly, she noted that “Fundraising” has also been added to the “Call to Serve.”</p> <p><b>b) Parish Picnic Debrief</b></p> <p>Jeanette indicated that there was a desire by some to have more time to socialize. Father indicated that he greatly appreciated the talk provided by Mark and Jodi Matsalla. Lisza suggested that holding the picnic in late May, as opposed to September, may be helpful for future planning.</p> <p><b>c) Reformatting Ideas for the Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>This item will be deferred until the October 2019 PPC Meeting.</p> <p><b>d) Lenten Mission</b></p> <p>Lisza noted that the Sisters of Our Merciful Jesus have expressed an interest in leading St. Martha’s Lenten Mission. Further discussion of this item will be deferred to the October 2019 PPC Meeting.</p> <p><b>e) PPC Budget</b></p> <p>Bruce inquired if the \$3000 requested to ensure that PPC would be able to provide additional speakers/resources to facilitate faith formation would be available. No further information was available at this time.</p> <p><b>f) Anniversary Artwork Donations</b></p> <p>Approximately \$500 was received to offset the cost of the commissioned Anniversary Artwork. The parish has absorbed the remainder of the cost.</p> <p><b>g) Invitation of Youth Ministers to PPC Meetings</b></p> <p>Anisha will invite Youth Ministry to attend at least two meetings this year.</p>
<b>5) Reports</b>	<p><b>a) Eyes and Ears – PPC Update / Sharing</b></p>
<b>6) Father’s Remarks</b>	<p>Father noted that significant work has been done to update our parish website and bulletin, which should be released over the next month.</p>
<b>7) Blessing and Adjournment</b>	<p>The PPC shared in the closing, “Stewardship Prayer.”</p> <p><b>The meeting of September 19, 2019 was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.</b></p>