

Minutes

January 16, 2020 at 6:30pm in the St. Martha's Parish Library

	Reports	
	Youth Ministry Report – Amy and David	
1)	Call to Order Present: Bruce Barnett, Frances Doria, Jocelyn Martinez, Daniel Wyton, Brian Macauley, Therese Munroe, Deacon Michael Pollard, Jeanette Cheshire Opening Prayer and Reflection	Bruce/Deacon Michael
2)	Amendments/ Approval of the January Agendas Amendments/Approval of the November Minutes	Bruce
3)	Ongoing Business I) Debrief of Advent Mission II) Lenten Mission III) Pew Questionnaire	Bruce
4)	New Business i) Ministry Liaison Assignments ii) Volunteer Appreciation iii) Formed – Renewal/Discussion	Bruce
5)	Eyes and Ears – PPC Updates and Sharing	Parish Council
6)	Deacon's Remarks	Deacon Michael
7)	Blessing and Closing Prayer – Stewardship Prayer	Deacon Michael

Youth Ministry Report

I. SUCCESSES

a. Elementary

- i. School visits are great because they are reaching students that may not be involved with the church
- ii. Little Saints – Kindergarten to grade 5 (North & West side)
- iii. There are great junior high + high school leadership

- iv. Youth choir – there is a high school youth choir and a mixed elementary + junior high choir for the 6 pm mass

b. Junior High

- i. Pulse: the junior high youth group is on an upward trend (with high school volunteers)
- ii. Started a sacrament class in Saint Francis
- iii. Some junior high students volunteer at Little Saints – kids really have a good relationships with their faith and are devoted to prayer
 - The kids bring their friends and teach each other

c. High School

- i. ARISE numbers are steady and consistent
- ii. Sarah connects and meets people in the school
- iii. Retreats bring in more participation
- iv. Women's Retreat – January 10th(?)
 - Great for girls who never experienced Ministry and it was great to introduce them to it
- v. Youth Day coming up
- vi. They volunteer for Pulse and Little Saints
- vii. The kids are visibly growing in their faith in the last 2 years

II. AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

a. Elementary

- i. Hard to find adult leaders; Kids are always willing to participate but adults are always needed for crowd control
 - Parish could offer support through Parish bulletin
- ii. Leaders are needed for All Saints on February 27th
- iii. The program is in need of consistent leaders
- iv. Although there is good rapport with leaders generally, some teachers needed to be won over □ administrative assistant could be of support
- v. In need of consistent leaders

b. Junior High

- i. Extend outreach because there has been a significant drop
- ii. Do more development training with high school leaders (1:3 ratio of leaders)
- iii. Work to connect more with the Sacrament Coordinators

c. High School

- i. Parental apathy – hard to connect with parents
- ii. Difficult to have high school students to prioritize their faith when they have academic and extracurricular activities to worry about
- iii. Program is in need of more leaders □ potential solution is to emphasize the need for leaders during the Call to Serve

Questions from Email for Youth Ministry

Question: How can the Parish better support the Youth Ministry?

Answer: volunteers, food and financial support (for retreats and opportunities at lower cost) and greater encouragement for youth & parents

Question: Is Parish Council able to help with direct communication to the community?

Answer: Mention the Youth Program every week during the announcements; Let the Knights know for them to promote it

Question: Are you happy with your website presence?

Answer: Yes. Great Improvement.

1. Call To Order

- *The gospel was read and we reflected*

2. Amendments to the agenda

- I. Volunteer Appreciation
- II. Dinner(?)

Last meeting – November 21st

Note: Discuss with Father the need to archive minutes of Parish Council Meetings

3. Ongoing Business

- **Advent Mission** – mixed feedback regarding the timing; Brother Michael was well-prepared; but Father did request for it to be kept on Saturday and Sunday
 - Free will offering: \$423.15
 - Gave Father Michael \$600.00
- **Christmas Book Giveaway** – given 500 books (Rediscover the Saint by Brother Michael); the book was very well-received; It was cost-neutral because it was covered by the Committee
 - Now examining an Easter book giveaway and also a scripture study
 - Lent booklets were ordered
 - Daily reflection booklets have been ordered from Canadian supplier (which are cheaper)
- **Lenten Mission**
 - Maskwacis
 - Email from Lyssa – missions would be on March 8th, 9th and 10th; each evening the sisters would give talks
 - Have adoration + confession after the talks then mass at 7 pm
 - The sisters asked to stay at the Martha Retreat Centre to have access to a chapel

- Saint Martha's is the 18th; the earliest one is on the 11th
- Contact person: Sharon Dunn (to book 2 sisters at the retreat)
- No meals at the retreat centre – other people might help provide it
- **Pew Questionnaire**
 - Impetus for it was to figure out people's problems and get feedback
 - Prayers are for before or after mass
 - Questions need to be general because boundaries are important
 - The goal is to provide a mechanism for people who are really hurting to come to the Parish Council
 - Pew cards could be a good alternative
 - 3 options are available: (1) Interested in Learning more; (2) New to the Church; (3) Call to Serve
 - "Do you have an issue?" – could lead with negative feedback
 - People could be put on the waiting list if they want to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis
 - People who come to church alone – should we socialize or not?

4. New Business

- **Ministry Liaison Assignments**
 - Changed the coordinators
 - Deacon Michael will take on the Liturgy
 - There should be at one liaison per Ministry
 - Tom is missing
 - No more reports.
 - Only bring committee together for special liturgies
 - Ex: Christmas liturgy – video feed didn't work
 - It was futile to bring committee together for small problems; they don't show up
 - Only call the committee on a per-need basis
- **Volunteer Appreciation**
 - Father wants to do Tea Time – perhaps 2-4 pm on a Sunday afternoon; come & go approach
 - Have cake
 - Perhaps in May
 - Ask coordinators what would be best to celebrate their respective groups – ask how they would like to be appreciated
 - Fall fundraiser (maybe picnic) – but we don't have a venue
 - Father's idea: Salmon supper
 - Grocery card could be a good alternative to supper
 - Comments from Parishioners: don't have enough socials
 - Might have to create a new committee if we are going to start having more/bigger socials – supply 2 volunteers
 - Supper would be *instead of* the picnic

- When we reach out to Ministry liaisons for volunteer appreciation, also ask them for volunteers for more socials
 - THREE questions for Volunteers – (1) how are you? (2) How would you like to be appreciated (3) Would you like to volunteer for socials.
- **Formed – Renewal/Discussion**
 - Done. Got it renewed
 - Next year, it could be \$2500

5. Reports

- **Youth Ministry**
 - Please see above
- **Eyes & Ears – PPC updates and sharing**
 - CCH – thank you for contributing to their awards – Hannah Couture was the recipient
 - One or two parishioners have made a long list for maintenance items
 - Remote microphones haven't been working
 - Altar mic is broken
 - The sound system blew up during Christmas time
 - Chris + Daniel checked it (they don't charge), but Jason charges
 - Somebody needs to be accountable for technical issues (a main go-to person)
 - Announcement for the dissemination of the word of God
 - Blessings of the candles
 - Feast of St. Blaise – Father Roc is the celebrant who will bless the candles

6. Deacon's Remarks

- No remarks

7. Blessing and Closing Prayer

- Stewardship Prayer