

Local Pastoral Council Meeting

Date September 04, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Attendees; Gerard Collins, Mary Helena Delahunt, Doug Wilson, Carolyn Kyle, Arlene Burlock, Polly Mulligan, Mark Mahony, Nicole McNichol, Father Phil Mulligan

Guest; Mike Jeffries

Absent; Mick Standing.

The meeting opened at 7.05P.M. with the Prayer "All are Welcome" from the hand out about Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with two corrections. The date of the yard sale was changed to Sept 22, 2018 with drop off on Sept 18, 19 and 20. The spelling of Brodie Phaneuf was corrected. Mark moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Mary Helena.

New Business

The focus of the meeting was to look at fund raising ideas, financial status, and social parish activities.

Mass on remembrance day will be held at Holy Family at 11.00 AM

Old Business

Mark suggested that we need to make it easier for new parishioners to obtain envelopes and said adding the personal touch would go a long way in making people feel welcome. Both Mark and Gerard volunteered to make deliveries. *Mary Helena has received a positive response from new people joining our parish because they said they felt welcomed.*

Brodie Planeuf would like to do a fund raiser to help Holy Family. Type of fund raiser undecided. *Not Discussed*

Bake Sales once a month after Mass. To be put on hold until the fall. *Not Discussed*

Contact Bernie Houlahan, possibly a concert or a kitchen party. A future consideration. *Not Discussed*

Chase the Ace if acceptable to Bishop and Father Phil. Tickets \$5.00 with a draw weekly or semi weekly. Pot is divided up as follows 50% Holy Family, 20% To ticket draw, and 30% to the pot for the ace draw. *Not Discussed*

The hall has been reserved for elections that will help some.

Gerard has asked Anne to check on current hall rental cost. The rates will be raised accordingly on new rentals and existing rentals will be grandfathered but will ask for a 10% increase to cover our increased cost. If new rates are being considered janitorial service has to be improved. *Not Discussed*

Have a pot luck in the fall. *To be tabled*

Have Saturday night sundaes in July and August. *Was done*

Financial position

Mark summarized a financial report prepared by Anne. Our total income has increased by \$9295.96 over Aug of 2017. The Expenses have increased by \$1851.74 over this time in 2017. The net income increase of \$1542.34 when compared to the \$5900 deficit in 2017 gives us a variance of \$7500.00 which is a reason to be hopeful

Mark said they spoke to the Bishop to find out where we had to be to turn things around. The Bishop said we had to meet our expenses and have a little extra.(a little extra was not defined.)

The financial report was reviewed and Carolyn was assigned to get clarification on the following:4050 Booklets, papers, and Palms, 5020 Vacation who it included and how it was determined, 5025 Worksafe NB is this new, 5055 Subscriptions, books Cable and, 5070 Repairs What were the repairs in 2017

We discussed our options and it was suggested setting up a method of checks and balances to control expenses ie what are necessary expenses and what expenses are desirable but may be able to be trimmed. Father Phil said some expenses are dictated by the diocese.

Carolyn suggested that a realistic number to considered for a buffer would be ten percent of our annual expenses

Fund Raising

The concert by Jonathan was a success both for attendance and money raised.

Grocery cards sales have raised \$638.00 to date and are on track to add \$1000.00 yearly. Polly is looking at selling the cards at people's park.

Garage Sale will be set for September 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, with drop off on Sept 19, 20, and 21, between 1PM and 5 PM. Doug and Polly will head up. Mark will get notice to other churches,(other advertizing will include signs social media and community calendar on the radio) Doug will do signs. Arlene said Paul Cyr of Auction Owls would come after 1 PM and catalogue what has not been sold and auction off what is left. Setup can start on Sept 20 and Sept 21. Gerard will put out a plea to parishioners for help. The hall will have to be ready the election on Sept 24

Other fund raisers being considered are a Christmas concert in early December. (Mike will follow up.) and a dinner auction. (Polly suggested a week at her cottage)

Parish activities

Gerard has had discussions with Maureen LeBlanc (Denis) and he agreed to do a Thanksgiving supper in the hall , but would schedule for Sunday instead of Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next Meeting - LPC October 09, 2018 @ Holy Family at 7 pm

Minutes submitted by Doug Wilson