

Local Parish Council Meeting Minutes (Holy Family – November 1, 2022)

Attendees: Doug Wilson, Fr. Phil Mulligan, Mark Mahoney, Brian O'Donnell, Jean Ryan, Peter Mulroy, Bill Pickett, Cy Sutherland, Mary Kouyoumdjian; **Guest:** Mary Helena Delahunt

Absent: Danny Tupas, Jennifer Saldanha

Opening Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer by Mark.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the previous minutes were accepted. Moved by Brian, seconded by Mary

Old Business

Minutes of meeting of March 29, 2022 LPC: There had been some question about these minutes and they needed to be formally approved. Moved by Fr. Phil, seconded by Peter. Minutes will now be posted to the website.

Secretary: It was decided that the responsibility of secretary would rotate from meeting to meeting. Tonight, Mary.

Status of defibrillator: Maureen Dennis LeBlanc has offered to do the training. Defibrillator will be ordered soon through the office.

Maintenance items:

- Protecting 3 plumbing vents on the roof: Ice defectors ore needed. Brian will contact someone about this.
- Completing piping from catch basin to property line: We are still waiting on this. Brian is on it and is still hopeful that it will be done before the snow flies.
- Repairing sidewalk to the main door of the Church: The sidewalk could not be repaired. It was repoured at a cost of \$3000, which was very reasonable.
- B & D Construction (i.e. Brian and Doug) had looked into line painting, etc. for the parking lot. In the end they decided to look after it themselves at the bargain cost of about \$200 to cover the cost of the paint.

Covid update: No diocesan changes since last meeting. It was decided that our policy would be that masks are recommended but not required. Moved by Mark, seconded by Fr. Phil.

Elections: One candidate, Jennifer Saldanha, agreed to join the committee. We welcome her to the LPC.

Funeral Receptions Fee: At the last meeting, it was decided that the fee should be \$150. This was reiterated and agreed to.

Status of Ukrainian Mass: Their first Mass was held on Sunday, October 23rd. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. They will also be holding Prayer times on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. They will be finished by noon on Saturdays so there will be ample time to prepare for

our 7:00 p.m. Mass. It was decided that they be charged \$200 per week. It was also noted that if/when conflicts arise, Holy Family's needs would take priority.

Fund Raisers:

- Christmas yard sale, 9:00 – 12:00 a.m., Saturday, November 5. Drop-off Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Doug has recruited some volunteers and more are welcome. If anything is left, it will be available after Mass on Saturday evening, during coffee time.
- Angels and trees: So far, these have raised about \$850. Some will also be available at the yard sale.
- On-line auction: this will be held between the four churches in our unit and notice would also be sent to St. Bernard's and St. Augustine's.

New Business

Financial report: Brian reported that the financial report was incomplete at this time but that Anne Marcoux had prepared a profit/loss information sheet comparing 2021 and 2022 to date. Our income is still down after Covid but Anne does not seem too concerned yet. It was brought up again that people should be made aware of canadahelps.org as a method of making contributions to the Church.

Mary Helena – flowers, updates, etc.:

- Mary Helena gave an update on the status of Holy Family's annual Christmas delivery of poinsettias to the sick and shut-ins and those who had lost family members throughout the year. This was to ensure that we want the tradition to continue.
- She and Missy bring Communion to Golden Years every second Sunday.
- Spencers has requested that the practice of bringing Communion to their residents be reinstated. However, Covid continues to be an issue in some of their wings. We will look at this when conditions improve.
- Christmas decorating will require some expenses.
- The walkway into the Church is much improved. However, the flowers, bushes, etc. alongside the walkway that help to make the entrance so pretty/welcoming will need some work/soil.
- Some reorganizing needs to be done to accommodate the requirements of the Ukrainian community.

First Aid Kits: Our first aid kits are now about 20 years old and badly outdated. Maureen Dennis LeBlanc has agreed to look at them and make recommendations re updating and/or replacing. It was agreed that we take advantage of her offer and make sure that these kits are actually usable.

Grants:

- Grant money up to \$5000 per year is available since the hall is also used as a community hall (for Seniors' group). This covered the cost of the new fridge in the kitchen. Brian will check into whether or not the cost of the defibrillator in the hall might be able to be covered by grant money this year. If so, it might be possible to have two defibrillators installed, one in the Church and one in the hall. This would be beneficial,

especially with the added volume of traffic in the Church with the services for the Ukrainian community. Are there other ways to take advantage of these grants?

- We are always looking at ways to make the Church more energy efficient. LED lights have already been installed throughout the Church. B & D Construction (Brian and Doug) are looking at various rebate program available to update the heating/cooling system. Some considerations – NB Power rebates? Commercial heat pumps? Retrofit? Series of mini-splits?

Yard sale prep, volunteer, pricing, drop off and set up:

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Hall parking lot:

The parking lot is not in good condition. However, it is costly to completely repair it at this time. It was decided to just do whatever can be done for now. Pieces of loose asphalt can be picked up by hand. Someone has spoken to the construction crew across the street to be sure that any extra garbage/debris is picked up.

Hall mailbox:

Elaine (custodian) reported that someone had tried to break into the mailbox. It was decided that the solution was to get rid of the small mailbox, put a slot in the big mailbox, get a lock that works and ask Elaine to check it when she is here.

Family games night: A parishioner is interested in having/setting up a family games night once or twice a month. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea if they were willing to take on the responsibility of doing so. This could be a good way of getting some of the newer families more involved in the parish.

Ministry workshops: There was some discussion about how to encourage people to participate in such workshops. The workshops take time and effort to prepare and attendance was low at recent ones. Volunteers should be attending these as a way of maintaining/improving in their chosen ministry/ministries .

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. (We all agreed that a switch to Thursday would be okay to make it easier for Danny and Jennifer to avoid a conflict with Catechism night.)

Closing: Prayer led by Fr. Phil

Minutes submitted by Mary Kouyoumdjian

