

Minutes – Holy Family LPC
September 26th, 2023

Present: Fr. Phil Mulligan, Mark Mahoney, Jennifer Saldanha, Doug Wilson (Chair), Jean Ryan, Peter Mulroy, Bill Pickett.

Absent: Cyril Sutherland, Mary Kouyoumdjian, Danny Tupas

Opening Prayer: Mark Mahoney led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on May 30th were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Jean Ryan and seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Mary Kouyoumdjian was selected to record meeting minutes, but she was out of town, so Jennifer Saldanha was selected to record minutes of the meeting.
- **Defibrillator** – Maureen has agreed to do another session in the middle of the week, and She will pick a date and communicate to Doug. It's a repeat session of what was done the last time. Could be an afternoon session.
So far, we have about 9 people who are trained on how to use the defibrillator.
- **Ukrainian Mass** – Anne has informed us that there were things/occasions that the Church facilities were used, and we didn't know about like when a wedding held in the church, but of late scheduling is getting better.

- **Fund Raisers** – The last Fundraiser that was held in August was a grand success and we raised a little under 1000 dollars. We had another fundraiser held on September 27th at 4:30 at the Holy Family church hall – Kitchen Party. Tickets were all sold out and it was a grand success, Doug presented Marian Albert and Gordon a bouquet of flowers and a Bottle of wine at mass on Saturday to thank her for all her efforts in making the food and arranging everything for the Kitchen party.
- **Musty Smell** – it comes and goes. Water was dripping off the heat pumps (which is normal in the summers when we use the AC's) that water is being collected and being used for watering the flowers. There is no musty smell now, the heat pumps are working well.
- **Temperatures Settings:** The temperature around the church is set around 18 to 20 Deg and the Seniors group sometimes find it cold in the hall when they have their meetings, so the temperature was adjusted once or twice. Both heating and cooling is set at 20. There is discussion to increase the temperature to at least 22 in the winter. Cooling at 20 and heating is 22. No one is allowed to change the temperature on the remote. Jean as a president of the Seniors Group will inform all that the temperature is set and all will have to respect that.
- **Heat Pump Protection:** Brain is going to look after the protection for the heat pumps on the outside. He might build a shelter for the units on the outside.

New Business

Financial Report – A financial report prepared by Anne was distributed to the council.

- Overall, it was observed that the savings are lower than COVID times or even last year.

- The council is asked to decide how much of the reserves can we put towards the building fund.

- it was noticed that the Insurance price is gone up by more than \$ 4000.

- It was Proposed at council that the 5% Capital reserves of \$3618 gets transferred into the Building and Maintenance fund and is at \$16464.00.

- We have not noticed a big difference in Electricity Bills in the summer, but we will look at the bills in the wintertime and if the heat pump can handle the heating. Every KW of electricity the heat pump will give us 3 KW of heat.

Ukrainian Church Rent:

- The council was asked to decide on whether we should increase the Ukrainian monthly rent: the butane cost of candles has gone up and it's expensive and we are using more with the Ukrainian church.

We are looking for someone who can build us a candle holder so we can switch to wax candles and use followers that are \$100 each. We can use the 6 followers we already have .

The rental income from the hall rental has reduced since we started hosting the Ukrainian church and they use the hall on the weekends

A motion was raised by Bill Pickett and seconded by Peter Mulroy To increase the rent from \$1000 to \$1200.

The Ukrainian church has a financial adviser who is now educating them on fundraising and how to raise money. They had a fundraiser last fall for the children in Ukraine but didn't make a lot of money. They are paying us rent but haven't been able to sustain their expenses.

Hiring a new caretaker: Paul has been doing chores around the church and mowing. He is volunteering and we mentioned to him to do it full time. He is buying gas for the lawn mower and paying for it himself.

There was a suggestion to thank him by getting gift cards: superstore or Sobeys and a gas card.

A motion was raised by Jean Ryan to give a gratuity for lawn guy \$200 Gas card and \$200 Grocery card and a Thankyou card for Paul. Seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.

Last week someone approached Mark to do the lawn mowing as a volunteering activity, but later declined. Also, we received a resume for the job of caretaker for holy family. We are still looking to hire someone full time.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Jean Ryan and seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried

Paving the Parking Lot: Anne talked to Alexander from AMICO, they will fix our parking lot in October. They will remove the loose stuff and fix the potholes and complete the refinishing. He agreed to do both parking lots. They are not using our parking lot anymore.

Extra items: Anne asked permission to clean up the dividers and sell the ride on mower. Gerard might have a buyer, if not Doug will put it on marketplace. Some room dividers are in the storage

Doug put signs in each room at the church about taping stuff on the walls. Council agrees that Anne can discard the broken dividers.

- **Pastor's comments**

- Announcement for servers: Father will announce at mass, no age limit.
- Grocery cards: we get 2% of what we sell, Doug was looking to do it twice a month - middle and end of the month and he was looking for volunteers. Looking at the income so far was \$190 YTD. Doug will put an announcement for volunteers and mention this is for making money for the church.
- Christmas schedule - Father will be looking at the schedule early. Ukrainians are now following our calendar not the Russian calendar. Christmas falls on a Monday. The council will talk to the liturgical committee and come back with notes. We have Father Carlos, but he might be busy during that time. December 28th father plans to visit his family in Ottawa for his father's 90th birthday.
- Knights of Columbus: Paul Perkinson can come to council meeting in October and explain the fundraising activity 50 - 50 draw. It's called Gold Rush; He could also come to mass on Saturday night. We can get information on that on rafflebox.ca
- The bishop has asked the parish council to attend mass on October 18th at 3:00pm at the Cathedral, Occasion: Installation of the new bishop.
- Mailbox: The old one was broken, Doug put a lock on it and gave the keys to Anne and one key is on the key box.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer

- We closed by Father Phil offering prayers for those in need and praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be...
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was initiated by Jennifer Saldanha by was seconded by Peter Mulroy.

Submitted By,
Jennifer Saldanha

Douglas Wilson