

Minutes – Holy Family LPC
November 23, 2023

Present: Fr. Phil[†]Mulligan, Mark Mahoney, Jean Ryan, Peter Mulroy, Doug Wilson (Chair), Mary Kouyoumdjian

Absent: Bill Pickett, Cyril Sutherland, Jennifer Saldanha, Danny Tupas

Opening Prayer: Mark Mahoney led in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from meeting on October 19th we reviewed. No revisions were required. Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Jean Ryan. Seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.

Mark Mahoney was selected to record the minutes for this meeting.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Our new caretaker was advised not to do anything with the plants. This is being looked after by Missy Gaudet. This was re-enforced with Dana by Anne Marcoux.

Defibrillator: Maureen Dennis-LeBlanc did show up to do a follow-up training session on November 20th. No one came. We will not re-schedule and this item will be removed from the agenda.

Ukrainian Mass: no issues, although, the choir has moved their practice time to Tuesday evening to accommodate the Ukrainians having a service on Wednesday evenings.

Temperature Setting: signs indicating the proper temperature settings have yet to be put up. Doug Wilson will do this soon.

Parking Lot: the hall side was done. The church side and where the catch basin is will be done soon. Lots are improved but not where we would like them. There may be money from the province available to help mitigate the cost of getting the lots paved. Will look into this in the new year.

Protecting Heat Pumps: this job has been completed by Brian O'Donnell and Dave Elderkin. This item will be removed from the agenda.

Anne's Report: Paul was thanked by Fr. Phil at mass and presented with gifts. We also have a new part time caretaker. He is Dana van Bustard.

Altar Candles: candles have been converted to wax and they look good.

Pastor's Comments: one new server is in place and 2 others are offering to serve. The Christmas mass schedule is in place. Holy Family will have a 7 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve as well as its regular 7 p.m. liturgies on the 23rd and 30th. Fr. Carlos will preside at mass on Christmas Eve and on the 30th. The entire schedule will be published in the bulletin shortly.

New Business:

Financial Report: the financial report was distributed and reviewed. Doug reported that the recent yard sale raised approximately \$1300. We are running at a deficit but have decided to see how we do in November and December as these are usually our two best months. In the new year we will address the assembly with the full picture. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mary Kouyoumdjian and seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.

We are going to find out who is bringing food donations to the food bank and find out the frequency with which they are delivered.

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Phil is looking in the new year at taking one weekend day a month off. A Saturday in January and then a Sunday in February and rotate in that manner for the remainder of the year. When he is off on Saturday, Holy Ghost and Holy Family will have Sunday Celebration of the Word and when he is off on Sunday, the same will be true for Saint Jude's and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Fr. Phil will confirm this with the new Archbishop with an eye toward beginning this in January of 2024. It will be well published when these liturgies are going to take place.

Also, Fr. Phil will be away at Christmas, leaving Christmas Day and returning New Year's Day. He is going to Ottawa to celebrate his father's 90th birthday. As mentioned earlier, Fr. Carlos will preside at any masses at Holy Family in Fr. Phil's absence.

Handling Left Over Items from Yard Sale: 2 car loads were taken to Value Village. Books and Paper are to be sent to D. R. Recycling as they use this paper to make kitty litter. Also, Curt Geldart, who is a foster parent and volunteers at Harvest House, was able to take several items. He was very appreciative of the donation. There is a possibility of an on-line auction in the new year. Will discuss further at our next LPC.

It was mentioned that a husband and wife have stepped forward volunteering to do some work for the parish in their respective fields of expertise. She is a bookkeeper, and he is an electrician. We would like to accept their generous offer and will see how we can best use them.

Doug made a suggestion to have a parish picnic in the summer, perhaps in June. A BBQ with hot dogs and hamburgers along with family

friendly games. All felt this was a great idea and will look at getting plans put in place as the weather gets warmer.

Next Meeting: On January 17th at 6:30 at Holy Family there will be a Regional Parish Council meeting where members from our 4 parish councils within our unit will come together.

The next Holy Family LPC meeting will be on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 in the meeting room at Holy Family.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Phil led us in a closing prayer and we prayed the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Mahoney

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas Weber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.