

Minutes – Holy Family LPC

February 29, 2024

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

Absent: Cyril Sutherland, Danny Tupas, Jennifer Saldanha

Opening Prayer: Mark led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on November 23rd were reviewed. No revisions were required. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Jean Ryan. Seconded by Fr. Phil. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a. **Secretary:** Mary agreed to record the minutes since Jennifer was unable to attend.
- b. **Ukrainian Mass:** No issues were reported.
- c. **Temperature setting:** Doug has put up appropriate notes about this (18 degrees in winter, adjust when needed). This can be taken off the agenda.
- d. **Parking lots:** The promised repairs have been completed. This can be taken off the agenda.
- e. **Items on Anne's Report:** Re: clean-up, items leftover from yard sale, etc. – There will be an online auction. There are presently about 90 items listed. Anne would like to have about 150 items. This will happen after Easter, rather than during Lent. Anne will do the posting. It will be arranged that someone be here in the Hall to take the money and hand over the items.
- f. **Pastor's comments:**
 - o Fr Phil has not yet made an announcement about the need for servers at Mass but will do so soon.
 - o Christmas schedule – All went well. This can be taken off the agenda.

New Business:

- a. **Financial report:** The financial report was distributed and reviewed. Finances continue to be an ongoing challenge, but we seem to be moving in the right direction. It was noted that funds are available if we want to consider a pastoral activity such as a mission. Fr. Phil moved that the Financial Report be accepted. Seconded by Peter Mulroy.
- b. **RPC Meeting of January 17th:** We reviewed the main points that had been raised at this meeting.
 - o First aid training – no progress has been made on this as yet

- Snow/storm cancellations – these would be announced on facebook and web page, message left on answering machines in the offices, etc.
 - Welcoming newcomers/immigrants – one suggestion was that perhaps a potluck could be held and newcomers could be asked to introduce themselves.
 - Homeless initiatives – Mark has met with the committee about this. They are appreciative of any efforts (donation of blankets, sleeping bags, clothing, etc.) but the need is ongoing. It was suggested that we continue to contact our MLAs and MPs to remind them of the need.
- c. Diocesan meeting of February 8th:** This was an introductory meeting to encourage cooperation between the different parishes and the diocesan offices. Doug gave a summary of topics the meeting included – that this is a work in progress but quite encouraging; that communication issues go two ways; that they are trying to develop a set of standard operating procedures that will be made available to the different parishes; that care be given to property management; that there be strategic planning going forward; that main goals vs main concerns be clarified.
- d. Fundraisers and activities:**
- Spring yard sale – tentatively set for May 25th
 - Kitchen party – It is hoped that Gordon and Marian Albert will volunteer to lead this popular event again, date to be determined, perhaps in September, depending on the availability of the musicians.
 - The possibility of having a card party was introduced, maybe with a basket to be raffled off, and/or a 50/50 draw. No final decision made on this as yet.
 - The possibility of an international night potluck was raised as a possibility of welcoming our newcomers and encouraging parish spirit.
 - Spring clean-up will take place on May 4th with a rain date of May 11th
- e. Pastor's comments:**
- Fr. Phil will have Mass at Holy Family on Easter Sunday at 9:00 am.
 - Fr. Phil will continue to take one weekend day off each month. Sunday Celebration of the Word on those weekends affected has been well-received so far.

Next Meeting:

RPC at IHM on April 17th at 6:30

Holy Family LPC on May 9th at 6:30 in the common room

Closing: Fr. Phil led us in a closing prayer. Fr. Phil offered to record the minutes at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kouyoumdjian

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