

**Minutes – Holy Family LPC**  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Absent:** Cyril Sutherland, Bill Pickett, Danny Tupas

**Opening Prayer:** Mark Mahoney led us in a new opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting on Feb 29<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Jean Ryan and seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.

**New Development:** Bill Pickett has resigned from the Parish Council to pursue other endeavors.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

- Mary Kouyoumdjian wrote the previous minutes for Feb 29<sup>th</sup> and Jennifer Saldanha was selected to record minutes for this meeting.
- **Clean Up Day:** is on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Notices are in the bulletin.
- **New Members:** We will vote for 3 new members to the Council in the Fall, the date is yet to be decided.
- **Temperatures Settings:** The temperature around the church is set for Summer 20 Deg and Winter 22 Deg, there are notes placed by the thermostats, that people can adjust the temperature as per their comfort and then change it back to the recommended settings when they leave.

## New Business

- **Financial Report** – A financial report prepared by Anne was distributed to the council.
- Overall, it was observed that the savings are pretty good, and we have approximately 80K in reserves in major expenses come up.
- The taxes are yet to be billed by the diocese, this is on the annual collection and its on the Taxes line under Expenses on the Financial Summary.
- There is a Tax applied to all Fundraiser money made by the church.
- From the start of January 1st, 2025, no church can borrow money from the diocese to pay the bills anymore.
- Electricity expenses have noticeably reduced by \$1600.
- A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mary Kouyoumdjian and seconded by Peter Mulroy. Motion carried.
- **Fund Raisers/Church Online Auction**: We made approximately \$698, Facebook was the medium used. We might use the same type of online auction for other parishes in the cluster. All items in the storage were put up for auction and we are almost done now. The Yard Sale at Holy Family is on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Donations are welcome.
- Father Phil suggested he would welcome people from different cultures every week before mass going forward.

- Mark Mahoney also suggested that we could do the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages from people from different countries and cultures.
- Potluck: Suggestion was made to call it a “Parish Multinational Potluck” to celebrate different cultures and their foods. Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, was the suggested date to have the International Potluck, the proposed start time is 4:45pm. The location would be Holy Family Church. It was suggested to put it in the bulletin at the End of June as a Save the Date and then repeated in August.
- Parish Picnic: The suggestion was to have it for all families and Kids. Doug presented some ideas for the Picnic likes Blowing Bubbles, Bean Bags, Maze, couple of games to play on the lawn, Mark will check the price to rent a Bouncy Castle. Doug has a couple of games. Father also shared that Immaculate Heart Parish would plan picnics with Apple Picking in the fall in the past. The date proposed was Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The location would be Holy Family Church. The proposed Time window is 11:30am to 2:30pm, there was a suggestion to have BBQ made (Hotdogs and burgers) in the parking lot of the church.
- Kitchen Party: Marian and Gordon will be in charge of the Kitchen Party this year too. Date is to be decided.

#### Letter from the Bishop:

- The council read the letter from the Bishop, the only new development is that all Fund raising money will be taxed.

#### Questions from Parishioners:

- A couple of people asked Doug if they could play Bingo to raise funds for the church, Bingo is not allowed to raise funds. This is the rule from the diocese.

**Water Shutdown:** There is construction going around the church on Cavendish Street and the water is shut and there is re piping been done. The water will be supplied through the other side of the church, there will be a water line running through the parking lot across the lawn, Doug has advised the builder to make sure that there is no tripping hazard. The crew will make sure they access all around the church before they run the pipe, Anne is expecting that the builder's equipment might be parked at the parking lot. We have not been approached yet, if Anne gets approached, she will contact Doug.

**Bursaries:** The parish supports families within the parish with kids to support them with continuing their education, In the past we have donated ~\$500. Doug suggested that we put it in the Bulletin. We didn't do Bursaries last year. Mark Mahoney will put the write up together in the bulletin and the cut off date to apply will be mentioned as End of Day Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.

- **Pastor's comments**

- Father will be away the weekend of May 25th and 26th, Bishop Valarie will come to reside mass to all parishes in the cluster.
- The Sunday celebration of the word will happen in the summer months of July and August.

### **Next Meeting**

- Our next LPC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th at 6:30pm to plan the Parish Picnic.

### **Closing Prayer**

- We closed by Father Phil offering prayers and praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be...
- Motion to adjourn the meeting was initiated by Jean Ryan by was seconded by Peter Mulroy.

Submitted By,  
Jennifer Saldanha

*Douglas Welch*