

**ASSUMPTION PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 11th, 2019, 7:00 pm
Parish Centre, Board Room

Present: Father Patrick, Carmel Behan (St. Gerard's), Charlene Bourcier (Maranatha), Fraser Field (K of C), Laurette Hamoline (pastoral appointment), Anne Wate (secretary), Betty Wilson (Sacred Heart), Lu Wuthrich (CWL).

Absent/Regrets: Fr. Prashanth, Liz Brach (Hands Across the Water), Shaun Clark (Parish Finance Committee), Agie Cooper (Safe Environment Program), Angela Devita (School Principal) Eileen Frew (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine), Reg Levangie (Maintenance), Jolene Sutcliffe (PEC).

1.0 Opening Prayer at 7:00pm: Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

2.0 Adoption of the agenda: As presented.

3.0 Adoption minutes of May 6th, 2019 Motion to approve, 1st Lu Wuthrich, 2nd Charlene Bourcier. Approved.

4.0 Correspondence: Letter from Evelyn Rigby regarding Archbishop Michael Miller's report. Letter read to council. Copy on file. See 7.1 Archbishop's Report.

5.0 Parish Finance Committee Report- no report
A budget meeting is scheduled for November 21st.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Update on Parish Bingo – Father Patrick reported parishioners Wendy Spreeuw and Marian Devita have stepped up to take over from Betty De Groot December 31st, 2019. Parishioner Maria Sturam has agreed to manage the kitchen/concession. Sincere thanks are extended to these three women.

6.2 Discovering Discipleship – See 8.9 Maranatha Report

6.3 TILMA Website – Fraser reported the site is almost done and should be fully up by the end of the week. Fraser is still gathering group photos of parish ministries for the site.

6.4 Update on Proposed Parish Activities to increase the awareness of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist - tabled

7.0 New Business

7.1 Archbishop's Report – Father Patrick introduced the official report and recommendations from Archbishop Michael Miller's visit to our parish April 23rd to 28th, 2019. Copies of the report and recommendations are on file. A brief perusal of the recommendations was done and discussed. Father pointed out that he could find some

errors in the report and has asked each group to read the report thoroughly and email any thoughts, errors or omissions, to him for further attention.

7.1.1 A letter from Mrs. Evelyn Rigby concerning the Archbishop's report was read and is on file. A copy of Evelyn's letter will be sent to Barbara Dowding, Vice Chancellor, Notary for the Parish Visit.

7.2 Parish Mission – Tentatively with Mark Mallett during Lent, 2020.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Parish Education Committee & Assumption School PTA – no report

8.2 Catholic Women's League – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

8.2.1 We are continuing to have a busy fall with preparations for the Christmas Bazaar and a successful Fall Rummage Sale.

8.2.2 We are planning on a new fundraiser and will start selling tickets in December for a vacation weekend package.

8.2.3 Our presentation in December will be on early church history and will include lots of photos from my recent trip to Turkey, a center of the early Church.

8.3 Knights of Columbus – submitted by Don Bourcier

8.3.1 On Oct. 1st we started our Charity Appeal ticket sales in the mall.

8.3.2 On Oct. 18th Fausto De Vita joined the Knights.

8.3.3 On Oct. 19th the Knights cooked pancakes & sausages for the Women's Breakfast.

8.3.4 On Oct. 26th 3 brother Knights went to Courtenay to take their 2nd degree and 4 received their 3rd degree.

8.3.5 On Oct. 26th 2 brothers went to the Upper Room Conference in Vancouver along with 8 women (from our parish).

8.3.6 On Oct. 27th pancake breakfast was put on for the parish.

8.3.7 On Nov. 3rd we co-sponsored Peter Nation to give a follow up talk about SOGI.

8.3.8 On Nov. 7th one new member joined "The Way" men's study of Discover Discipleship. We have 6 men in our group.

8.3.9 On Nov. 8th 2 brothers from the 4th degree attended the Assumption school Remembrance Day Assembly.

8.3.10 On Nov. 10th necrology Mass at 10:00 am was offered for deceased Knights.

8.3.11 On Nov. 11th 2 brothers from the 4th degree laid a wreath at the cenotaph at the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

8.4. Youth Ministry – Submitted by Anne Schweitzer

8.4.1 Eve of All Saint's Day family event went well. Some new families to Assumption Parish attended. Ran out of candy - over 150 kids visited the church for trick or treats.

8.4.2 November 1st (All Saint's Day!)

"Chick Flick" movie shown in the Parish Centre Lounge and "Bro floor hockey" was played in the Assumption School gym from 7:15-9:00 pm.

8.4.3 November 8th and 15th Faith and Fellowship (short talk followed by games) in St. Gerard's Basement.

8.4.4 November 29th, Christmas Candy House Decorating, St. Gerard's Basement 7:30 – 9 p.m. All ages welcome.

8.4.5 December 20th, caroling outside St. Gerard's at the shrine, followed by hot chocolate and snacks . All ages welcome!! St. Gerard's 6:30 - 8:30

8.5 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – CCD

8.5.1 Classes are well underway. 16 Students are registered.

8.5.2 13 Students preparing for Confirmation.

8.5.3 First Holy Communion will be held May 3rd, 2020.

8.6 Pro Life – submitted by Pat Clark

An extraordinary meeting is being called for Tuesday, November 26th, 2019, in the Conference Room at the Parish Centre to discuss the future of the Powell River Pro Life Society.

8.7 Maintenance – presented by Father Patrick

Father Patrick has struck a Seismic property evaluation committee as instructed recently by the Archbishop – core members are Frank Nadalini, Isadore Hawryluk, and Larry Wuthrich. The point of the committee is to determine whether or not there is property that could be liquidated, for a reasonable profit, to provide funds for the retrofitting of Assumption School Classroom complex. (est. cost 450,000). X-ref 8.14 Seismic

8.8 Sacred Heart/Tla'amin – submitted by Betty Wilson

8.8.1 Nothing eventful to report.

8.8.2 Planning a lunch and guest speaker after Mass sometime before Christmas. Thinking of theme.

8.8.3 Craft Sale planned for December 10th, 2019.

8.7.4 A retreat with Bishop Gary Gordon is being planned for May 10th, 2020.

8.9 Maranatha Prayer Group – submitted by Charlene Bourcier

8.9.1 A group of ten people from PR went to the Upper Room Conference along with over 1000 of our fellow Catholics. It was held October 26th at the Canada Place Convention Centre in Vancouver. We were treated to amazing speakers including

Cardinal Doyle of New York city. Archbishop Miller was the first speaker and he was very passionate in reminding us that our one purpose as church is to evangelize. He encouraged us to use whatever means we have to spread the good news of Jesus to everyone, everywhere. In our diocese we are being asked to bring the Alpha or Discover Discipleship programs to our parishes. They are both proven to bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus. There are many parishes who already have these programs up and running. The prayer group had already prayed and discerned that we would bring Discover Discipleship to the Church of the Assumption and beginning the first week of October we launched it. There are four groups who have already completed the first book and are beginning the second book next week. There are 33 people meeting at four different times. We are hoping to offer the first book which is on Jesus in January for those who missed out in October. We are also hoping to offer Youth Alpha for our youth in the New Year. If anyone is curious about Discover Discipleship, they can go online to discoverdiscipleship.ca

8.9.2 We continue to meet on Wednesdays for our prayer meeting, and coffee and muffins is always well attended.

8.10 Faith and Light – reported by Lu Wuthrich

Christmas Dinner gathering is planned for December 10th, 2019.

8.11 Safe Environment Program – no report

8.12 Hands Across The Water – no report

8.13 St. Gerard's – reported by Carmel Behan

Numbers and activities remain consistent.

8.14 Building Seismic Committee X-refer 8.7

8.15 India Medical Clinic Project – submitted by Lu Wuthrich

Some of you will recall that the clinic build site was moved last spring and Father Dass' order "Herald of Good News" began to support the project by gifting us property and supervising the build. After a very promising start for the build some issues arose with a neighbour who was not in favour of the project and was a Hindu militant with political influence. After months of negotiating Father Joy, the superior of the order, decided to abandon the build and instead buy a new completed building. He has been working on this ever since. The order has used their own funds to purchase this building. Dr. Burns is in India now and will inspect the building, make recommendations for necessary equipment and may even start running a clinic while there. We have commitments from the local Rotary to help us furnish and equip the building also. The plan currently is that the only fundraising the project will be doing is the annual medical community dinner in February. A huge thank you for all your support.

9. Next meeting: January 20, 2020

10. Meeting adjourned – 8:50 pm

11. Closing prayer – Fr. Patrick