

All Saints Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday May 8, 2024
7:00 pm Assumption Hall

1. Opening Prayer

Led by Mike Roberts, Vice Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson.

2. Acceptance of Agenda.

MOTION: To accept the agenda for today's meeting as presented. Moved by Joe P, seconded by Helen M.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: That the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting be accepted as presented. Moved by Theresa P., seconded by Faye H.

4. Pastor's Report.

a) The financial statement for April is still slightly in the red due to continuing maintenance projects that are being done.

b) The recent heavy rains have led to the emergence of some more roof leaks. The roofing companies will be asked to come and check/repair these.

c) We are again planning to have parish Summer BBQs on the following dates:

- June 30

- July 21

- August 18

- September 15

The BBQs last summer went very well, and they are great for creating unity!

d) On the weekend of June 1 and 2, the Diocese is doing a Parish Renewal Survey and asking all parishioners to participate. The surveys will be handed out after the Masses, except for the 11 am Mass at St. Basil's where it will be done before Mass (because this is also the date of the Corpus Christi Procession). As well as the hard copies, a QR code will be available for those who would like to do the survey online. All the surveys will go to St. Ambrose College, and they will correlate the data and provide feedback. Parishioners can bring their iPhone or tablet to Mass and do the survey that way if they wish. The information collected will be used by the Renewal Committee in planning how our parish will move forward.

e) A number of people have responded to the call for members to both the Unity Committee and the Mitigation Committee. Bishop McGrattan has prepared a presentation explaining the process for how these Committees will function. A hard copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes and will also be available on the parish website.

Notes from Fr. Kevin regarding the presentation:

There will be 5 projects launched from the ELCPAP. Two of these projects will be the Unity Committee and the Needs Mitigation Committee. Essentially, the parish needs to think of these projects as if Bishop McGrattan is the customer and there is a need to understand his expectations in moving forward, and then to work towards meeting those expectations.

The Fund-Raising Committee, started many years ago, still exists – it was just put on hold. Fr. Kevin will need to contact the members of that Committee and see if they wish to continue working on that project.

Any project undertaken by the parish that is over \$15,000 must have approval from the parish. This also applies to any repair projects, plus these require 3 quotes as well that will go to the Diocese for approval.

The Feasibility Committee will be meeting with Don Verdonck P.Eng, ICD.D, who has been working with Sacred Heart Parish in Strathmore on their building project, and will be a great resource person going forward.

Question: Will this presentation (from the Bishop) be available on the parish website?

Fr. Kevin: Yes, I will ask Karen to do that and hopefully it will be uploaded by next week.

Question: Will there be a Spiritual Plan to go along with everything else being done?

Fr. Kevin: Everything we will do will come out of the Renewal, but we do need a plan for spiritual growth and renewal.

Question: What is the process for choosing members for the various committees? Is there a defined term of office for these committee members?

Fr. Kevin: It is important that there is continuity on these committees, so members will be replaced if their positions are vacated. Bishop McGrattan has requested that the committees be kept small, at 5 – 6 members, as per the Steering Committee Mandate. Sub-committees will be formed to help with the processes. The Options Generation Survey and the Needs Analysis Survey are to be used as our starting points of the process.

Bishop McGrattan wants everything tied in with the Diocesan Renewal. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, we will encourage the growth of what is already happening and working well, like the Summer BBQs and the Soup Suppers. We want the process to encourage and promote unity in the parish, and this is where the Unity Committee will do their work. The Bishop has reminded us that we need unity in our one parish— and that there will only ever be one parish!

Question: Will we see the redevelopment of Faith-sharing groups in the parish?

Fr. Kevin: This is one of the things that is listed in the Needs Analysis Survey and will go to the Needs Mitigation Committee for development.

Question: Why is there no plan for a Mother's Room in the renovations at St. Patrick's?

Fr. Kevin: There is only so much space to work with at St. Patrick's, and the main Mandate from the Bishop is to have accessible washrooms on the main floor of the church.

The Needs Mitigation Committee will look at which needs can be addressed now, i.e.: spiritual needs, but some can't be accommodated in our present spaces.

Fr. Kevin: I have had many people offer to sit on multiple committees, but it is a better idea to pick one committee and then serve on that well. This provides an opportunity for more people to become involved. It is important that we understand the mandate of each of the committees before the committee is formed so that people can make informed choices of where to get involved.

Question: Why are the roofs still leaking? Is it not the responsibility of the roofing companies to stand behind their work?

Fr. Kevin: The roofing companies are being recalled to look at and fix these problems.

Meeting closed with prayer led by Fr. Kevin.