

**Meeting St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes – June 14, 2016, 18:00-20:30**

Attendees:

Richard Beaudette (*Pastor*)

Joanne Lee (*Chair*)

Chris Adam (*Exec. Director*)

Jacqueline Dawson (*Vice-chair*)

Herman de Souza (*Community Building Cluster*)

Walter Hughes (*Faith Formation & Initiation Cluster*)

Angela McCanny (*Secretary/Pastoral Care & Social Justice Cluster*)

Regrets:

Iyobosa Grace Igbinedion (*9:30 Mass*)

Roshene Lawson (*11:30 Mass*)

Jenine Figurado (*University Mass*)

Patricia Malikail (*Finance Committee Chair and Treasurer*)

Theresa Fournier (*Music Cluster*)

Summary:

1. Welcome, Opening Prayer and Meditation

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Walter Hughes

Seconded: Herman De Souza

Approved

3. Ratification of Minutes

Approved with modifications

4. On-going Business

4.1 Report on AGM - Wed. June 8, 2016

Appreciation was expressed for the great work that went into planning and hosting the AGM, including the efforts that went into the preparation of the 2016 Annual Ministry Report, the 2015 Financial Statements, the PowerPoint deck for the meeting, the refreshments and the presentations of all who spoke at the AGM. There were approximately 80 people in attendance.

It was noted that we need to provide a microphone for speakers next year.

One request coming out of the AGM was for more opportunities for social gatherings. This led to a discussion about the sorts of events could be held (such as a social evening in the Fall that might possibly be combined with encouraging volunteer involvement in the parish or a talent show) and how to form a committee for organizing the next social event.

ACTION ITEM – Each PPC member present at the June meeting will find one person who would work on the social committee, with each person covering one aspect of planning the social event. The necessary roles will be discussed at the July meeting.

ACTION ITEM – A volunteer drive will be planned for the month of September with representatives from various ministries coordinated over two weekends to sit at tables and provide information for interested parishioners. New volunteers will be welcomed in October.

4.2 PPC Retreat

Discussion of this item has been postponed to the July meeting.

5. Cluster and Mass Representatives and Committee Updates

Faith Formation Cluster – a new group is being formed to allow for in depth discussion of faith topics, to be led by David Perry

Stewardship Working Group – with the recent completion of the 2016 Annual Ministry Report, there has been some discussion about whether all activities that are currently identified as ministries are correctly designated. In at least one case, an activity has been named a ‘ministry’ though it is merely an activity of a broader ministry. In another case, a parishioner had volunteered a service on an as-needed basis which was then given the designation of “ministry”. The key issue is that ministries are required to report annually on their activities and in some cases, such as those listed above, the reporting has seemed burdensome and perhaps needless. PPC needs to consider whether the naming of activities and parishioner initiatives as ministries is a possible barrier to dynamism. As a related issue, the Women’s Centre approached Council members after the AGM about its classification as a ministry, asking whether this is the best nomenclature for approaching outside funding agencies. In light of these cases, the Stewardship Working Group was asked to look at nomenclature, or the way we classify ministries, so that volunteers and staff can identify better with the language used to describe their activities. PPC also noted that there are on-going changes to the ministries in existence in the parish, with new ones developing and others disappearing. The Stewardship Working Group will take on the role of keeping a current roster of parish ministries.

6. New Business

6.1 Information Session regarding Residential Schools – some parishioners have expressed desire for a response regarding recent articles about residential schools. The Core Team will meet soon with Gerry Kelly, Ann Taylor and Marlene Kelly (Kairos) and Joe Gunn (Citizens for Public Justice) and advise PPC of actions to be taken.

6.2 Reaching out to LGBT group to offer support

ACTION ITEM – In light of the recent tragedy in Orlando, Jacqueline will send a note of support on behalf of the parish to the parish LGBT group.

6.1 Food for next PPC Meeting

July – Joanne and Jacqueline

8. Closing Prayer

Next Meetings:

Tues., Aug. 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Note: PPC Bulletin Update in:

June - Patricia

End of June or July - Herman

Parish Council Approval

Parish Council minutes approved by consensus on: Aug. 16, 2106

Parish Council Chair

Joanne Lee

Minutes prepared by

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