

Some suggestions for next year:

- have a 2nd microphone available to circulate for questions
- hold the AGM on a One Mass Sunday (however, need to consider impact on parking)
- stronger coffee

4b. Unceded Algonquin Territory Statement – Walter Hughes

Walter and Angela worked on the first draft of a statement to be published in the bulletin regarding the opening statement that, “We are gathered on unceded Algonquin Territory”. There was discussion about the length of the article and whether education about issues related to treaty settlement can be done properly in this article (or a series of articles) or whether parishioners need to do their own research.

Fr. Richard shared that acknowledging that we are gathered on others’ territory is a commonplace practice in northern communities. This acknowledgement preserves the memory of those who have traditionally made their homes in this area and whose have had their hunting, trapping and summer grounds on this land. By emulating this practice, our opening statement helps to keep alive the memory of those who have formerly used this land.

Council has asked Walter to shorten the article in preparation for publishing. Fr. Richard will then arrange for review of the article from someone who can offer feedback from a First Nations perspective.

4c. Cluster Representatives Update

Fr. Richard and Joanne reported a very positive and generous meeting with representatives from ten ministries regarding choosing cluster representatives for the PPC. Arrangements were made for following through on a number of possibilities and the names of the new representatives will be published in the upcoming New Spirit newsletter.

4d. Members-at-Large –Nomination Update

A Nominating Committee has been formed with members: Kathy Crowe, Nora McMahon and Raphael Amato. To date, three parishioners have taken nomination forms and a possible fourth is considering. If four are nominated, there will be no need for an election.

A nomination for the University Mass Rep has come forth and will be ratified in September.

4e. Upcoming Parish/Ministry events

- The garden is been planted and is looking wonderful. The gardeners are considering how to further beautify the church grounds.
- Caroline Midgely is organizing an afternoon concert with a benefit performance by a renowned tenor on July 2 for the benefit of The Supper Table.
- The choirs continue until the first weekend in July and then will be off for the summer.
- Three baptisms were held last weekend at the 11:30 Mass.

- The Weekday Mass community is deciding with Fr. Richard whether to continue through July and August
- This coming Saturday, there will be a confirmation of an adult in the community.
- Eight weddings are scheduled this summer, shared between Fr. Richard and Fr. Gratien Girod.
- Supper Table will be holding a Strawberry Social after the Masses on the June 17/18 weekend.
- The ROC is expecting one of their sponsored families to be arriving shortly.
- The Children's Tour after the 9:30 Mass on June 4 went very well.

4f. Member Bio – Greg Forestall

Thank you, Greg.

5. New Business

Blue Community - An email was received from a parishioner encouraging St. Joe's to join The Blue Community. Joanne will circulate it via email and information for reading and consideration.

Healing Centre – Over the winter, chairs were removed from The Healing Centre to discourage its use as a sleeping area during the day. This usage was making the space unwelcoming for prayer and reflection and causing damage to the furniture. The situation is being monitored and there are plans to replace the furniture gradually, after a delay.

Clusters and Ministries – Ministries have suggested that it would be good to focus on how they can work together. Perhaps PPC can suggest an annual theme and invite the ministries to consider how they might develop that theme. Also, PPC needs to assist ministries in succession planning and as some ministers are getting tired.

6. Next council meeting – July 11, 2017

7. Closing Prayer

Parish Council Approval

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