

**Meeting St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes – Dec. 12, 2017, 18:00-20:00**

Attendees:

Joanne Lee (Chair)	Paul Roche (Faith Formation & Initiation Cluster)
Richard Beaudette (Pastor)	Patricia Malikail (Finance Committee Chair)
Chris Adam (Exec. Director)	Jackie Maurais (Member-at-Large)
Angela McCanny (Pastoral Care & Social Justice Cluster)	Robert Sykes (Member-at-Large)
Donna Rietschlin (Liturgy Cluster)	Edwin Okoduwa (University Mass)

Regrets:

Greg Forestell (Treasurer)	Roslyn Brown (Member-at-Large)
Jenine Figurado (University Mass)	Bob Orser (Member-at-Large)
Andrea MacWilliam (Community Building Cluster)	Terry Byrne (Member-at-Large)

Summary:

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Joanne Lee
Note that standing items were deferred for the December meeting to allow time for a seasonal pot-luck celebration.
- 2. Ratification of Minutes of Meeting of Nov. 14, 2017** – Angela McCanny
Approved
- 3. Revised budget** – Chris Adam
Copies of the revised budget are available which now include the projected increased parking revenue and the 6-month security contract. These changes result in an approximate surplus of \$7000.
- 4. Tour de table**
 - **Jackie** – attended a beautiful celebration with the Oblates for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, 2017.

- **Angela** - From Dec. 6-10, the ROC hosted a letter writing campaign for Amnesty International in honour of Human Rights Day on Dec. 10. The turnout was very good and many letters were written.
- **Edwin** – The Children’s Pageant preparations are going well; working with Toni Tarasco to plan for Christmas Eve: costumes, set-up.
- **Fr. Richard** – Christmas schedule arranged for this season; Fr. Mark Miller visiting from Toronto in mid-January to speak about end of life issues; John Cuddihy and Fr. Richard have been working on some investment policy changes, including places to make investments – some of the GICs are coming due and want to be ready for re-investment in early in 2018 – cover note and proposals will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to be voted on secretorially.
- **Patricia** – 2017 work is done except for looking at investment policy. The committee is currently in the process of finalizing a new format for generating quarterly reports which can be done digitally and will save time for Chris.
- **Donna** – appreciation among parishioners for the new wording for the acknowledgement that our parish is on unceded Algonquin Territory. It was adapted from a celebration at one of the Midland school boards; ROC has endorsed OMRA’s fundraising project involving the sale of grocery cards in order to raise funds to provide rent reduction for refugee families – announcement in December with more information available in January – representatives for each of the four weekend Masses to allow all to be involved
- **Paul** – a sub-group of the Spiritual Seekers will be meeting on the topic of spiral dynamics in the coming week.
- **Chris** – office is closed for the holidays beginning Dec. 24. Last Supper Table Thurs. Dec. 21 with a Christmas dinner and reopens Jan. 2, 2018; Women’s Centre closes as of Dec. 24. Staffing for the new manager of The Supper Table will be completed soon. Council expressed appreciation for the great work that Brandon has done in balancing managing the Front Office and Supper Table.

5. **Reflection – Donna Rietschlin**

Donna invited reflection on verses from Isaiah 40 and a beautiful image of peace in community taken from La Communauté by Jean Vanier.

6. **January 9th Meeting - Planning**

Decision taken to invite the Ministry Heads to attend an evening of spiritual reflection for renewal in our ministries. Fr. Richard will lead the reflection and sharing. Name tags and room booking will be organized by Chris. The invitation will be sent out by Joanne by Dec. 21 to each of their ministries.

ACTION ITEM – Chris will check on room availability for the January 9 Meeting.

ACTION ITEM – Angela will send updated list of ministry heads to Chris to pass on to Brandon.

7. Food for next council meeting (1 min.)

Pizza will be ordered.

Angela – salad

Desserts – Bob Orser and others who care to contribute

8 Closing Prayer

NEXT REGULAR PPC MEETING:

January 9, 2018

Parish Council Approval

Parish Council minutes approved by consensus on:

Feb. 13, 2018

Parish Council Chair

Minutes prepared by

Joanne Lee

Angela McCanny