

# St. Emile Parish Council Meeting

## March 7, 2016

Present: Paulette Dupuis, Bonnie Cornwell, Vic St. Hilaire, Nancy St. Hilaire, Stepan Bilynsky, Sylvester Oyamienlen, Fred Fillion, Wilmar Chopyk, Nelly Trinidad, Toni Pakinggan-Ilas, Fr. Tomy, Sabu Mathew

**NEXT MEETING – APRIL 25, 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. CALL TO ORDER/PRAYERS/ WELCOME</b> Paulette called the meeting and led the prayer.	
<b>2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES DATED JANUARY 3, 2017</b> Wilmar moved to accept agenda with added item. Passed	
<b>3. FATHER TOMY (ST. JUDE SYRO MALABAR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Jude Syro Malabar Parish has been assigned the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month for vacuuming the church. Started our first assignment on February 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Father Tomy had been appointed for the Pastoral Care of Syro Malabar community in Portage, Brandon, Thompson, Dauphin, Swan River and Pine Falls.</li> <li>• Last week Fr. Tomy started monthly mass celebration in Portage, to be extended to other communities in the near future.</li> <li>• St, Jude Parish council meets on the second Saturday of every month in the meeting room of St. Emile Parish Hall. At the last meeting it was decided to adopt a parish in India in the missionary Diocese of Chanda. St. Jude will be officially communicating our offer to the Bishop of Chanda when he visits the second week of June.</li> <li>• Bishop Jose Kalluvelil (Apostolic Exarchates of Syro Malabar Canada) will be visiting Winnipeg on May 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The Major Archbishop George Cardinal Alenchery, who is the father and head of Syro Malabar church, will be visiting Toronto at the end of July, 2017.</li> <li>• Fr. Tomy will be attending the Presbyterian chaired by the Major Archbishop in Toronto.</li> <li>• On behalf of our community, we thank God and extend our gratitude to the Archdiocese of St. Boniface and St. Emile community for the continued support.</li> <li>• Father Tomy mentioned that he appreciates Father Carl's continued support to their community.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> MINUTES:</b>  Hospitality Ministry: Coffee & Fellowship held in January 29 <sup>th</sup> and February 26 <sup>th</sup> was a success. Next Coffee & Fellowship scheduled for March 26th Directories were handed out the same time (January 29 <sup>th</sup> )	Vic suggested to move the Coffee & Fellowship events to another Sunday since the last Sunday of the month conflicts with events at Holy Cross church & prevents our parish from

	attending & showing support.
<p><b>5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented at masses on January 7 &amp; 8 regarding the Coffee and Fellowship.</li> <li>• Information about the PPC Ministries have been included in the bulletin. They have also been included in our Website.</li> <li>• Shirley Gillespie is the new Chairperson for Liturgical Hosting.</li> <li>• Roxanne Couture-Michaud is the new Chairperson for RCIA.</li> <li>• Information for the two new ministries will be in the upcoming bulletins.</li> <li>• Attended "Farewell" planning meeting February 21<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Western Conference for the Catechumenate (WCC) is scheduled on June 9 &amp; 10 at MMOC – Theme: RCIA "The Making Disciples" Institute. We are invited to attend &amp; any costs will be covered by the Parish</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. PASTOR'S/DEACON'S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deacon Stepan will be supporting Fr. John for the next couple of weeks in Father Carl's absence. If need arises, Deacon Stepan will step in for Communion and Homily.</li> <li>• Deacon Stepan is a member of the RCIA team, Family Faith Formation, and attends PPC &amp; Finance meetings.</li> <li>• Deacon Stepan is Chairing the Liturgy committee for Father Carl's Farewell along with Bonnie Cornwell. He has met with His Grace for information as to the Mass.</li> </ul>	Deacon will be contacting Bonnie & Paulette to share information received.
<p><b>7. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING (Fred)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represented St. Emile Parish at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Archdiocesan Social Justice Committee, Hosted by Christ the King Parish</li> <li>• Chairman Mr. Louis Balcaen</li> <li>• Purpose was to raise the awareness of the parishes of the need and promote involvement and to encourage all to participate and be conscious of the need.</li> <li>• Heard various presentations by Core organizations that provide support services to the poor and the needy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rossbrook House – young boys</li> <li>• Future Hope – Convicts</li> <li>• Morberg House- Homeless me</li> <li>• Chez-Nouz/Our Place- Homeless</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future meetings to address ways that parishes are involved in various forms of Social Justice.</li> </ul>	

<p><b><u>Refugee Sponsorship Committee (Fred)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Rezieh family is integrating well within the Winnipeg Community</li> <li>-Children progressing well in school</li> <li>-Parents now enrolled in English language program</li> <li>-Family receiving financial support from the Federal government plus they are registered in various programs.</li> <li>-Numerous parishioners have provided time and effort in ensuring that the needs of the family were met.</li> <li>-Most medical and dental needs have been looked after with a few follow-up appointments scheduled.</li> <li>-Some medical and dental expenses were not covered under the Federal coverage and sponsor (La Broquerie) agreed to pay the most.</li> <li>-One family has provided extensive support ensuring that the family social and integration activities are undertaken.</li> <li>-Family elected to attend our Sunday mass service showing openness and appreciation of our generosity.</li> <li>-Sponsor (La Broquerie) is most grateful for the support that we have provided to the family.</li> <li>-Reminder that there is funding for a 2<sup>nd</sup> family, but no family selected to date.</li> <li>-Called meeting January 12, 2017 to seek views of members on whether St. Emile Parish should have a Refugee Sponsorship program for the long term. Only a few members attended the meeting.</li> <li>-Followed-up with views of members through email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most members supportive of more long term commitment</li> <li>• Some held their view until more experience accumulated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Fred is not in the position att his to make a recommendation to the PPC on a long term commitment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Will call another meeting</b></p>
<p><b>8. MINISTRIES REPORT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Faith and Spiritual Growth</u></b> – Bonnie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The members of our ministry continue to pray on Wednesday at noon. WE have invited anyone from the congregations to join us. We feel that Lent is a good opportunity to “stretch out the pegs of our tent’ and find out what is offered in other parishes for Lent. This was in the bulletin this past weekend.</li> <li>• Monday marked the beginning of another Faith Sharing Book Study that will run through Lent. The book is “Rediscovering Catholicism” (it was handed out to the PPC members last year). We are excited to see the effects of this powerful book in our community.</li> <li>• The Way of the Cross is taking place throughout Lent every Friday evening.. This has been led by members of this ministry for the past few years. WE are pleased that Parishioners of the Syro-Malabar community join us in this devotion.</li> <li>• The Archdiocese is offering a number of very interesting “events” which are being published in our bulletin. We are taking part in these, in part, to see what we can learn and offer here at a later date.</li> <li>• There is possibility of a film presentation highlighting prayer in trying situations and fasting. This will be announced in the bulletin and to the parish before masses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p><b><u>Sacristy Ministry</u></b> – Nellie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consists of 8 members</li> <li>• Started assigning members to help with setting up and cleaning at all masses, cleaning and vacuuming the chapel and washing and ironing purificators.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>-Communion to the Sick and Shut-ins</u></b> – presented by Fred for Paul van Leeuwen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of ministry changed from Pastoral ministry to “Communion to the Sick &amp; Shut-ins”</li> <li>• Meeting held on February 1, 2017</li> <li>• 11 Parishioners now participating</li> <li>• Five new members</li> <li>• Rotational scheduled under lead on Mr. Paul van Leeuwen</li> <li>• One new client at Golden Links Residence</li> <li>• Guidelines for visits reviewed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>-Youth Ministry</u></b> – Sylvester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek approval of the council for the use of Registration forms.</li> <li>• Input/suggestions were given as to the Registration forms.</li> <li>• Working with Arch-Dioecese to support our efforts at creating a vibrant youth ministry</li> <li>• Spoken with Deacon Stephan to look for a Youth facilitator to engage our youths later this year after the registration.</li> <li>• Create an online platform for the youth to interact and engage themselves.</li> <li>• Planning on a complete Youth mass (9:00 am and 11:00 am) on the first Sunday of each month</li> <li>• Youth mass have been very successful as planned and will continue.</li> <li>• Planning is an ongoing process amongst the Youth Leaders and seeking for new ways to engage the youth with quality programs and community engagements.</li> </ul>	<p>Sylvester will make changes to forms &amp; send to Paulette as information &amp; feedback.</p>
<p><b>9. NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Gundrum’s Ordination is scheduled for July 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm at St. Boniface Cathedral</li> <li>• July 4 – first mass at St. Emile (to be confirmed)</li> <li>• July 9 – first mass at Swan Lake (his home town)</li> <li>• AGM scheduled for March 28 at 7:00 pm</li> <li>• Reports to be submitted to Paulette by March 17th</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. GUIDELINES UPDATE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paulette and Wilmar are working on a draft Guideline which will be sent to all PPC chairs to be reviewed <u>before</u> the next PPC mtg.</li> <li>• Discussion on the Guidelines will take place at our next PPC mtg.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Raffle –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Father Carl is donating his quilt to be raffled to buy a chalice for St. Emile.</li> <li>• It was decided that there is a need for a new chalice &amp; that it would be engraved with Fr. Carl’s name as a “souvenir/reminder” of his time at St. Emile</li> <li>• Discussion took place as to amount to charge for tickets</li> <li>• Decision was to go ahead with the project.</li> </ul>	<p>Bonnie &amp; Paulette to inquire about ticket printing. Paulette will inquire about</p>

	<p>the need for a license from the MB. Lotteries commission. Paulette will also speak with the volunteer at the office as to her taking charge of the distribution of tickets.</p>
<p><b>12. CLOSING PRAYER</b> • DEACON STEPAN LED US IN THE PRAYER</p>	