

St. Emile Parish PASTORAL Council (PPC) Meeting

October 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Present: Father Gerry, Paulette Dupuis, Natalia Bilynskyy, Deacon Stephan Bilynskyy, Gilbert Dupuis, Fr. Tomy, Joe Jose, Caridad Rino, Meycee Kalaw, Nancy St. Hilaire, Rose Marie Couture, Daisy, Bonnie Jarf, Donna O'Toole, Al O'Toole, Paul, Fred Fillion, Darren Witzaney, Toni

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMEBR 15, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

	ACTION
<p>1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME Paulette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Fr. Gerry led the council in prayer.</p>	
<p>2. WELCOME Welcoming Fr. Gerry (1st PPC meeting) ,Meycee (music ministry), Natalia, (CWL liaison), Bonnie Jarf (observing)</p>	
<p>3. Proposed Agenda approved by consensus</p>	
<p>4. Adoption of last PPC minutes (March)</p>	
<p>5. Chairperson's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Thank you note from Fr. Carl • April PPC mtg. cancelled due to weather • Co-chaired planning of Chrism Mass held April 11th • Held planning mtgs. re: Fr. Carl's Farewell • Met with Vice-Chair, Wilmar, on several occasion re: Guidelines • Attended Fr. Josh Gundrum's Ordination • Coordinated Fr. Josh's first Mass @ St. Emile • Met with individual Ministry Chairpersons • Planned& held a Welcome meeting for Fr. Gerry with the PPC • Held mtgs with Music ministers on 2 occasions (see minutes) • Met with Wilf & Eileen re: Office Volunteers • Met with Fr. Gerry on several occasions • Met with Zorina & Fr. G. re: Orientation evening on Oct. 25th • Reminded PPC on procedures re: plans/projects • Reminded PPC of the use of Diocesan Weekly Bulletin (this informs us of specific information concerning our individual Ministries) 	
<p>6. Business Arising from last minutes (March)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality will remain the last Sunday of the month, since all publicity has been done for this date. • Success of Fr. Carl's Farewell & Quilt raffle. (chalice, ciborium) were purchased as planned. • Guidelines for PPC were distributed. All PPC members are asked to review & have feedback/comments/suggestions/corrections ready for 	<p>Paulette will contact Vic re: Orientation</p>

our next PPC mtg.

7. SYRO-MALABAR UPDATES:

- Father Tomy reported that there are now a total of 45 kids attending catechism

8. PASTOR'S REPORT: /comments/suggestions:

- Father Gerry, in consultation with Fr. Tomy, suggested to move the Tabernacle from the side to the front (under the cross)

Action: Fr. Gerry will consult with Finance & Maintenance when he decides the time to move

- Father Gerry suggested having a Pot Luck Christmas Lunch party on December 17th, after the 11 am mass, with possibility of games, talent show and Silent Auction.

Discussion took place as to the Food Safety of a Pot Luck in light of our recent difficulties. To be on the safe side at the moment, it was suggested that it be a catered "sandwich lunch."

ACTION: Bring this idea to the Hospitality, CWL, & Legion of Mary groups to discuss & plan. Nancy will speak to Christy, chair of Hospitality, Natalia will bring this to the CWL, and Caridad to the Legion of Mary.

These groups are encouraged to meet & plan & present proposed budget to the Finance Committee under the direction of the Hospitality. (Christy)

- Christmas masses:
Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24th): 5 pm and 10 pm
Christmas day: (Monday, Dec. 25th): 11 am
- New Year's Mass schedule:
New Year's Eve – (Sun. Dec. 31st): 5 pm
New Year's Day – (Monday, Jan. 1st) 9 and 11 am mass.
- The Steinbach choir will be joining us every 3rd Saturday of the month or whenever we need choir

9. DEACON'S REPORT:

- Deacon Stephan explained that his occasional absence from Mass at St. Emile is due to his other duties at the Cathedral & with his job.
- He presented a proposal regarding "The Delivery of the Standing on Holy Ground Course" designed for individuals who volunteer their time as pastoral visitor to the sick, elderly & disabled persons & their families within health care settings and/or shut-ins or persons who are interested in personal growth. This course is also open to anyone interested. (see attached)

ACTION: Deacon Stepan will meet with the Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins Ministry (Paul) to plan.

10. MINISTRIES REPORTS:

MUSIC:

- Possibility of removing the organ which would give more space in the sanctuary.
Discussion: It was determined that the organ sound can be achieved with our existing

keyboard.

It was also stated that our organ is an old model.

ACTION: This feedback will be taken back to the Music ministry where a decision will be taken as to how we will dispose of it.) Possibilities: Kijijii, given away, etc...Al O'toole will then act upon this decision.

- Discussion took place as to Fr. Gerry's suggestion re: relocation of choir. Suggestions: 1) moving to choir loft (upstairs) 2) moving where the Tabernacle is now 3) combination of front pews & where tabernacle is now
ACTION: Decision will be made amongst choir members in consultation with Fr. Gerry and technical specialists (Al & Richard)
- The use of the projector onto the Sanctuary wall for prayers & songs has been well received. This eliminates the yearly purchase of song books, eliminates tidying up the pews after Masses, makes it easier for everyone to participate in the prayers & songs.
- Fr. Gerry informed us that we have received a projector from the Steinbeck parish as a gift for this use.
- Fr. Gerry also informed us of the costs of Copyrights for the use of song materials for the overhead projection.

ACTION: Discussion with the Music Ministry & Fr. Gerry for the details will follow. All possible costs will be presented to the Finance Committee.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- Christ our Life 2016 Level 4 is what is being taught in the FFF sessions.
- Family Faith Formation is once a month.
- As of October 10117 there is 31 Children enrolled in Family Faith Formation. We therefore can have around 60 people for the evening (including parents).
- Families can still enrol for Family Faith.

FAITH & SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

- Eve of Advent for St. Emile will be held on December 17th @ 7:00pm
- Donna will be organizing this community event of song, prayer, scripture reading, reflection, and wreath making.
- Family & friends of St. Emile are all welcome

ACTION: Donna will invite various ministries & St. Emile organization to assist

FAITH AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

- It has been a few months since our ministry has offered a session of any type for spiritual growth
- We continue to meet for prayer and asking guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- Fr. Gerry's arrival brings new opportunities of growth. In conversation with Father Gerry we have discussed the possibility of an Advent Mission.

ACTION: We will meet again soon to begin planning for this consideration for the coming year.

AD HOC COMMITTEE: (refugees)

- It's a very successful year for all the members and the parish.

- Rezieh family has made progress in past 10 months.
- Head of household is presently working full time.
- Marcel and Brendan Matte and Fred, continue to be most supportive of the family
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SCHOOL LIAISON:

- We are having issue with zoning of the St. Emile's and the school property. Communications are on-going.
- Gilbert will be present for any further discussions.

LEGION OF MARY:

- Father Gerry is the Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary.
- There are 11 active members, 14 auxiliary members.
- Attended October 8 – workshop for Evangelization - successful
- Attended October 9 – Apostolic Work visitation. – successful

CWL:

- Natalie is the new Communications person for the CWL. She will be their Liaison on the PPC
- The CWL is planning a Parish Christmas Cookies Swap on Dec. 10th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in St. Emile Parish hall.

ACTION: Natalia will be approaching parishioners for assistance & participation. She will put up posters & information in the bulletin.

LITURGICAL & LITURGICAL HOSTING:

- Orientation on October 25th @ 5:30 in St. Emile Church

ACTION: Zorina will inform all Liturgical ministers & hosts.
Zorina will prepare Agenda and present on Liturgical ministries.
Vic & Paulette will present for the Liturgical hosting.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND SHUTS-INS:

- Information was passed to the chairman re: possibility of attending a Diocesan Study day touching upon They are scheduled for a study on October 18 and 19 – theme: living our dying. Deacon Stepan is one of the presenters

ACTION: Paul will communicate & invite present members of this ministry to attend.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:

- Will be hosting a colouring contest for the school.
- Selling grey cup tickets as one of the K.C. fundraising.
- Organizing a Rosary before Mass led by the Knights & families on October 28th & 29th. All are invited to participate.

HOSPITALITY:

- Pleased with attendance at the Coffee & Fellowship on the last Sunday of the month, after 9 a.m. mass.
- Have new volunteers that have signed up

11. Closing Prayer led by Deacon Stepan

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