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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Gord Jenkinson	SK Site	Bob Johnson	OLP Site
Aline Radey	SK Site	Laurie Jones	OLP Site Absent
Pat Hinds	SK Site	Marlynn Paul	OLP Site
Denise Waltenbury	SK Site	Jeannette Rainville	OLP Site Absent

Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 7pm

LOCATION: Board Room of Our Lady of Peace Site

Our PPC met on January 18th and discussed the following pastoral issues:

(1) Advertising in the Parish Bulletin; (2) Safe Parishes Initiative; (3) New Evangelization Summit; (4) Rick Hanson Foundation Grant; (5) Diocesan Pastoral Plan; (6) New Office Hours; (7) New Parish Initiatives; (8) Development & Peace; (9) New 5 Year Plan; (10) Appreciation Dinner

The following is a brief summary of the conclusions we reached.

Re: (1) Aline gave an update of her work on this proposal. She continues to work on it, and will bring the results of her planning to Council when it is complete.

Re: (2) Fr. Michael gave a brief update of the Safe Parishes Initiative; we are, to a large extent, in waiting mode for the training the Diocese will provide.

Re: (3) Information from our Bishop about the Summit was sent to all members by e-mail. Fr. Michael encouraged anyone who is able to attend to go and experience it. The parish will cover the cost of anyone who goes. More information will be given in the bulletin as the date approaches.

Re: (4) Gord will look into the cost of completing the installation of the automatic door openers at our St. Kevin's Site, with a view to the possibility of applying for the available grant money to cover the cost. There was no consensus reached about a similar need to address accessibility issues at OLP Site, given the access currently available with our lift.

Re: (5) As the previously distributed letter from our Chancellor indicated, the Diocese is beginning to determine what pastoral services are currently provided in our Parishes, and which services the Diocese should promote and support. Members offered the following suggestions: Social Justice/reaching out to the poor; Youth; and Counselling Services. Fr. Michael will pass these suggestions along to the Diocese, in addition to his own.

Re: (6) Regarding the reduced office hours, no feedback has yet been received. The main issue is reduced availability of office services during the day, but it was generally felt that the overall impact to Parishioners would be slight.

Re: (7) Fr. Michael opened up the floor to a brainstorming session focused on the introduction of new parish initiatives. He indicated we had resources to invest in such initiatives, if Council members felt there was an area we needed to address. After a lengthy discussion, there were no practical suggestions offered. This, however, will remain on the agenda as a key item for the rest of this year, and especially as we develop our new 5 Year Plan.

Re: (8) There is still nobody in the parish who has taken on responsibility for coordinating Development and Peace. Nobody was interested last year in the training that was provided.

Re: (9) Our 5 Year Plan (2012-2017) is in its final year, and needs to be reworked for the next five years. To that end, the following members have agreed to review and begin a preliminary update of the following sections: WORSHIP – Denise; PASTORAL CARE – Sue; FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUALITY – Fr. Michael; SOCIAL CONCERNS – Bob; YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – Gord; FUTURE PLANNING – Aline. They will forward their work to Fr. Michael, who will assemble it and present it as a whole to the PPC.

Re: (10) Council approved the idea of hosting a Parish Appreciation Dinner for those involved in Parish ministry. The buffet dinner will be at Our Lady of Peace Site on Sunday, February 26th.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd in the Board Room of our St. Kevin Site.