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Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 7pm

LOCATION: Board Room of our St. Kevin Site

Welcome to our newest PPC representative: Denise Waltenbury.

Our PPC met on November 16th and discussed the following pastoral issues:

(1) Advertising in the Parish Bulletin; (2) Safe Parishes Initiative

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

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

Re: (2) This portion of our meeting was open to all parishioners, and was held in our worship space. We were joined by 4 other Parishioners for this presentation. Two videos were shown. Both were produced by our insurance carrier as an awareness raising educational tool around the issues of grooming for the purpose of sexual abuse of vulnerable persons, and how the entire community is responsible for ensuring a safe environment for all vulnerable individuals.

After each video, everyone was free to share their reactions. Following this, Fr. Michael spoke about the Parish Screening Committee, having previously distributed the Position Description for this Committee (also available on our Diocesan Website). He invited anyone who was present to submit their names to him, if they wished to be a part of this Committee. He will also be inviting other parishioners to join. Although the timing of the training sessions the Diocese will provide is unknown at this time, they will most likely begin sometime after the Christmas Season.

Following this presentation, the PPC members returned to the Board Room for a follow up discussion. Here, Fr. Michael gave a general summary of some of the other policy changes afoot in the Diocese, specifically related to financial matters. More information on that will be forthcoming. All the new policies, including the new Administrative Manual for the Diocese, are online (Diocesan Website), so are freely available. Most of those pertain to the Finance Committee, and not so much to this Committee. Nevertheless, Fr. Michael indicated that as he reads through the policies, he will note those that pertain to the PPC more specifically and will make sure all members receive copies of those policies.

For action: Consider becoming a part of the Parish Screening Committee;

If interested, read through the new policies which are online;

Ponder ways in which this parish can more effectively ensure the safety of its most vulnerable members;

Pray for the success of these new initiatives.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th in the Board Room of Our Lady of Peace Site.