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Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 @ 7pm

LOCATION: Board Room of Our Lady of Peace Site

Our PPC met on September 21st and discussed the following pastoral issues:

(1) Refugee Sponsorship; (2) Parish initiatives for the Year of Mercy; (3) Advertising in the Parish Bulletin; (4) Memorial for Fr. Gerry and Fr. Patrick; (5) Council member renewal.

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

Re: (1) We are still in 'waiting mode' for sponsoring a second family of refugees. There is no way of knowing how long of a wait we will have. Although, as raised by a member, there is the possibility of going another route for sponsorship (ORAT – Diocese of Toronto), we have not made any moves in that direction, nor do we intend to go that route at this time. Meanwhile, as the one year anniversary approaches (January) since the Alzahrn family's arrival, things have settled into a routine for them as they continue to integrate into our community, with the biggest challenge ahead being viable employment for the father, such that he can support his family. As a Parish, we have made a 3 year commitment to allow them the use of our Rectory in Capreol, with all the associated costs covered by the Parish. How those costs break down will be presented in our 2016 financial report to the Parish. Those costs are being covered from our regular parish collections, and will show as parish expenditures. As reported in our last Parish bulletin, weekly updates will no longer be published in our "Refugee Sponsorship Corner", since what is taking place now is the normal ebb and flow of family life, of which we want to be respectful in terms of privacy. If anything significant develops that the Parish should know about, it will be published.

Re: (2) 40 pilgrims are booked for our Holy Door Pilgrimage to Quebec City (Holy Door of Mercy) in October. We are grateful to Aline Radey for putting so much love into this effort.

Re: (3) Aline is still working on this proposal, and will bring the results of her planning to Council when it is complete.

Re: (4) A request was made from a previous resident of our area, who was taught by both Fr. Patrick and Fr. Gerry Lalonde, to have a memorial of some sort installed at Our Lady of Peace Site in their memory, for which he would cover the cost. Previous inquiries made of the people of Capreol pointed to the idea of a bench in the entranceway of the Church, since Fr. Gerry was famous for sitting there, on the radiator, to greet people as they entered. There seemed to be unanimity around this idea, and so Fr. Michael was asked to bring it back to the patron to see if he agreed. It was noted that the niece and sister of Fr. Patrick and Fr. Lalonde liked the bench idea.

Re: (5) The following Council members have come to the end of their 1st term: Sue Godin and Aline Radey from our SK Site, and Bert D'Appolonia and Marlynn Paul from OLP Site. All four indicated their desire to continue on the Parish Pastoral Council for a second term, and so there will be no need for nominations/elections to replace them this year. It should be noted that there is still one vacancy for representation of our SK Site, and so this will be advertised in our Parish bulletin in October to see if there is anyone willing to serve in this way.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm in the Board Room of our St. Kevin Site.