

Parish Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Josephene dedicates these minutes to God's goodness towards the Eckert family in honour of the baptism of their son, Elijah Joseph.

Present: Fr. Paul, Fr. Jonathan, Hailey, Edgar, Peter, Trevor, Cathy, Cristina, Bob!!, Josephene

Guest : Tom Flood

Absent: Matthew, Katia, Marie

1. Hailey called the meeting to order
2. Fr. Paul lead us in prayer to our Blessed Mother in honour of her Immaculate Conception.
3. Chairperson of the Historical Committee, Tom Flood, gave the Council an update on the events of the parish commemorating its 40th anniversary. He acknowledged the various efforts of parishioners and groups to celebrate this occasion as best as they could considering our Covid situation. He outlined the initiatives of the Historical Committee such as putting up plaques indicating past donations of church art. He presented Fr. Paul with a framed copy of the article regarding the anniversary that was printed in the local paper, Community Voice. Parish photo directory is postponed until the Fall.
4. November minutes approved.
 - Josephene to send November minutes to Jenn.
5. Action items were not properly reviewed since Josephene forgot her copy of the minutes. Mea culpa.
6. Everyone shared updates on assigned ministries. For details, ask Josephene.
7. Cristina and Matthew offer to guide PC members towards creating confident testimonials. This will be our first steps towards establishing a firm program to be offered parish-wide. Edgar encourages us to invite individuals personally to the process. We can also invite Ministry Heads to take part in the initiative at the next Retreat (Lent 2022). Cristina feels we will be ready to have testimonials at the end of Mass starting in the Spring.
 - If you are interested in volunteering in this process, email Cristina and Matthew.
8. Hailey reminded us of Jeremy Eckert's suggestion that we offer the booklet Ultimate Relationship as a gift during Christmas.
 - Hailey to order bookletEdgar suggested we watch the series called "Revive" (on Formed) for "habits of an evangelist." Fr. Paul recommended "The Search" (Formed) as a program for youth. The idea of an Alpha (or Christian Life) program offered to the Ministries is postponed.
9. We had a brief discussion of the Amazing Parish webinar Fr. Paul asked everyone to watch. Fr. Paul wants us to understand specifically that we aren't being asked to agree with him in everything, or that he needs to be directly involved in everything.
 - Josephene to send link to Edgar.
10. We shared thoughts about the Multiply retreat.
11. There will be a Zoom meeting with Tony Ritchie from Indigenous Peoples on Monday at 7pm. All are invited.
 - Hailey to set up meeting and invite everyone

Hailey would like some to attend the Financial Council meetings in her stead.

The Evangelization Coordinator job description has been finalized and ready for advertising. It remains a part-time position.

Josephene offered to send the Ministry Heads Christmas cards on behalf of PC. However, due to the difficulty of accessing the addresses, this is no longer going to happen. She has taken on the project to collect these addresses in the near future.

12. Fr. Jonathon lead us in closing prayer.
13. Next meeting: January 19 2022
14. Hailey adjourned the meeting.