

## St. Augustine Parish Council Web Minutes, Tuesday, January 24, 2017

In Attendance: James, Diane, Meagan, Peter, David, Bryan, Linda, Michael, Allison, Cathy, Alan, Jean, Alan, Emily

Regrets: Elizabeth, Carol  
Recording Secretary: Kay

Allison chaired the meeting in Carol's absence. Linda opened the meeting in prayer at 7:08.

Moved by Meagan to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by. Carried.

Moved by Bryan. to adopt the recorded minutes from the December meeting with the corrections of spelling of names. Seconded by Jean. Carried

The management reports were included with the agenda and each committee gave a brief outline:

**Worship:** A pizza party to attract new recruits.

**Facilities:** There is discussion about a Sunday school renovation. The skylights and the roof in the St. Monica's Chapel need repair and also the fence behind the church.

**Fellowship:** A new person is needed to head this committee

**Financial:** The debit machine is now up and running and has been used several times already.

**Caring and Outreach:** volunteers are needed for flower delivery as well as volunteers to help with hospital visitations since James is on his own now with the transfer of Andrew.

**Flower Delivery for February:**

February 5 – Jean  
February 12 – Meagan  
February 19 – Mike  
February 25 – Diane

**Discipleship:** No report since programs are just being considered after Christmas break

There is no new news as to when the white altar dressings will arrive but Carol. is communicating with the Sanctuary Guild who is working with the company.

**Financial Report:**

- Cathy led the council members through the financial report to the end of December which showed a very small \$563.00 deficit. We have had an excellent year.  
Mike moved to accept the financial statements as presented and recommend them to the annual meeting of parishioners. Seconded by Bryan. Carried.
- The proposed 2017 year budget has only a slight increase to line items but Cathy is very pleased with 2016 and feels there is no need to be concerned about 2017. With the transfer of Andrew, the clergy salary line will be adjusted to reflect the salary when a new clergy is appointed.  
Diane moved to approve the proposed 2017 budget as presented. Seconded by David. Carried.
- From the Stewardship campaign 116 responses have been received back to date. Of those roughly 30% increased their pledge, 5% have decreased the rest have remained constant.

### **Other Business, Information and Events:**

- The request for money for new table cloths for the crypt was approved from general funds as long as it did not go over the 500.00 mark.
- The contract for monthly elevator maintenance is being explored by for more options.
- The Christmas light display, although great for a first year with this type of system did have a few problems with the promise of being better next year. Support was very positive.
- Meagan is taking on the task of organizing the Photo directory. The directory will be free to everyone who has their picture taken as well as people that send in their own picture. You will receive an electronic and a hard copy of the directory. Meagan will have everyone sign a FOIP waiver in order for your personal information to be included in the directory even if you do not get your picture taken. This will ensure privacy for those who do not wish to have their information shared. Advertising will be sold to put in the back of the directory and each ad will be the same size for an approximate cost of \$250.00 for each ad. The dates for photos will be March 2 & 3 and March 6-11. They will be held in the upper hall, lower hall or crypt depending on other obligations for that space. Peter, Diane, and Mike and Carol offered to help Meagan with the phoning. It is anticipated that a photo directory will be completed every five years.
- James updated the council on the search for a new priest. He noted with excitement, creative decision as well as the recommendation from the Bishop, James has offered the position to Steve. Steve will start his position April 1<sup>st</sup>. He has already started the process to be fully vetted and his ordination will depend on the Bishop to fast track his application which if possible may only be a year before he is ordained. Steve will begin as a Lay Pastoral Associate and will be able to do all assignments as he could if he was a Deacon. This met with the approval of the Parish Council and all are very pleased with the decision.
- The annual meeting of the Parish will be February 21, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:00 and meeting to follow at 7:00. Larry & Lorraine have been asked to speak at the meeting about their journey since joining St. Augustine Church. He hopes for a good turnout.
- Although some of the current Parish Council members are finishing their current term, it was noted that a Parish Council member could serve three consecutive terms if they wished to do so.
- There will be a one day Synod in Calgary on March 25<sup>th</sup> and a two day one on October 13 and 14. Nominations for these are the responsibility of the Corporation.
- There will be a pot luck lunch for the Syrian families that our Church is helping to sponsor on February 11 from 1-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 in prayer. The next meeting will be March 28.