

**June 8, 2016**

**In Attendance:**

Arsenault, Sr. Mae  
Beyea, Dianne  
Breen, Fr. Don  
Bourque, Peter

Ellis, Wendy  
Haché, Charles  
Johnson, Kayla  
Joyce, Ian

Lawlor, Bill  
Northrup, Rick

**Absent:**

Alexander, Stephanie  
Carey, Pat  
Drummond, Mavis

Issacs, Denise  
Losier, Loryn  
Murphy, Dave

Stroud, Anne

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rick Northrup, at 6:30 pm.

The opening prayer was led by Wendy Ellis.

Minutes of the PPC meeting held on May 11, 2016 were approved on a motion by Peter Bourque, and seconded by Bill Lawlor.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

1. **Parish Council Election:** The PPC elections were held on May 30/31. Four new members were elected: Trinda Carvell, Mary Alice Glasgow, Marilyn Howe, and Mike MacDonald. All four were in attendance. The PPC welcomed the new members and everyone introduced themselves.

**Report on Regional Pastoral Council: Rick Northrup:** Rick is the Chair of the Regional Pastoral Council. Rick explained the structure and role of the RPC. The last RPC meeting was held on June 4, 2016. The RPC has met 3 times so far and approved all of the recommendations of the ad hoc committee.

The RPC plans to positively engage with the bishop and priests. The priest of each parish decides on the existence and role of a parish pastoral council. The RPC hopes to encourage priests in parishes with no pastoral council to begin one. Rick noted that a core principle of the Second Vatican Council was the co-responsibility of the laity and the priest for a parish.

The other two regional pastoral councils in New Brunswick are for the Miramichi region and Fredericton region. The Fredericton RPC meets twice a year. The Miramichi RPC is having difficulty getting off the ground due to a lack of leadership.

The RPC does not meet in July or August.

**New Business:**

1. **Election of the PPC Executive for 2016/2017:** The meeting was turned over to Fr. Don to hold the election of the PPC Executive. The nominating committee, comprised of the PPC Executive for 2015/2016, recommended Pat Carey for the position of Chair and Anne Stroud for Secretary. Both Pat and Anne indicated their acceptance of these nominations prior to the meeting. Nominations were called for the position of Chair. As there were no further nominations, and since Pat accepted the nomination, he was declared elected. Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair. Rick Northrup nominated Charles Haché for the position. As there were no further nominations, and since Charles accepted the nomination, he was declared elected. Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. As there were no further nominations, and since Anne accepted the nomination, Anne was declared elected.

Rick Northrup thanked the outgoing PPC members. He mentioned that he had received comments from parishioners about some of this PPC's initiatives, particular the railings on the altar.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Fr. Don.

Please Note: The June PPC meeting was shortened so that members could attend a closing gathering with members of the Liturgy ministry.

**Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm.**