

St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

June 6, 2018

In Attendance:

Arsenault, Sr. Mae
Beyea, Dianne
Brown, Sandra
Burns, Fr. Owen

Carey, Pat
Carvell, Trinda
Connors, Michele
Glasgow, Mary Alice

Howe, Marilyn
Isaacs, Denise
Johnson, Kayla
Stroud, Anne

Absent:

Doherty, Bob
Ellis, Wendy

MacDonald, Mike

McGrath, Lawrence

Three new Council members who will begin serving their terms in September were also present. Peter Little and Ben Vienneau will serve three year terms, while Michelle Sullivan, our new youth representative, will serve a one year term. Lawrence McGrath will also commence a three year term in September. Lawrence had been initially added to Council to complete the term of a member who resigned.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Carey at 7pm.

The opening prayer was led by Anne Stroud.

Pat welcomed our new members.

The minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), were approved on a motion by Trinda Carvell, and seconded by Sr. Mae Arsenault.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- 1. Appointment of a second youth member to PPC:** Update: Fr. Burns stated that he has approached a potential youth member, but has not yet received a response. He will follow up. If the prospective member is interested, an invitation will be issued to attend our September meeting.
- 2. Relocation of the Tabernacle:** Update: Fr. Burns: This was originally slated to take place prior to the Feast of Corpus Christi; however, Fr. Burns now has the opportunity to acquire a different Tabernacle that is more in keeping with the architecture of our church. It is by a New Brunswick craftsman and is constructed of hand-carved oak. It depicts a scene from the Road to Emmaus Gospel story. The new Tabernacle will be located behind the altar. It is hoped that a stand can be constructed that incorporates the same type of stone used in our altar.

New Business

- 1. Election of PPC Executive for 2018-19:** Out-going Chair, Pat Carey, submitted a proposed slate of officers: Chair: Michele Connors; Vice-Chair: Trinda Carvell; Secretary: Anne Stroud. As there were no nominations from the floor, they were declared elected.
- 2. Revitalization meeting held on May 23:** Pat indicated that many parishioners were unclear regarding the purpose of this meeting. Fr. Burns provided this clarification: Bishop Robert Harris and the Diocesan Revitalization Steering Committee directed that all parish priests hold

Minutes by Anne Stroud.

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meetings for their parishioners in order to address two topics: the Diocesan vision and the restructuring of individual parishes. Since our parish is not slated to be restructured, the meeting at St. Mark's dealt only with the Diocesan vision. The presentation of the Diocesan Vision was followed by discussions in breakout groups, as well as a general discussion. The meeting was well attended and Fr. Burns recorded the input from parishioners to share at the Diocesan level.

- 3. Meeting to discuss *Rebuilt*:** (This item was added after the meeting agenda was sent out.) Council members have been reading *Rebuilt* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Pat reminded Council that we had earlier agreed to get together on June 20 in order to discuss this book. The meeting will commence at 7pm. A second get together for discussion will likely be held in the Fall, so as to include our new Council members.

Updates re: Parish Ministries:

- 1. Peru Committee:** Anne mentioned that the Peru Committee is hoping to hold a Bake/Plant Sale on Father's Day.
- 2. Care and Concern:** Denise reminded Council that the Care and Concern ministry is holding an indoor yard sale during the morning of Saturday, June 9. Donated items may be dropped off on Thursday and Friday. Clothing is sold by donation only, while other items are priced. Unsold clothing will be donated to Romero House. Anne added that some of the unsold books will be retained for sale at the Peru Committee Book Sale in November.

The closing prayer was led by Michele Connors.

The meeting was followed by a social with the Liturgy Ministry.