

## Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

October 14, 2015

Attendance: Rosemary Berube, Bob Dorion, Deacon Bill, Deb Fitzgerald, Cheryl Follien, Fr. Marc, Sal Gio, Belinda Hamel, Dan Herbert, Chris Hurni, Rick Leather, Nick Sarbanis

Unable to attend: Ken Conti and Kathy Garon

Opening prayer: Fr. Marc

Everyone welcomed to the meeting which began on 7:03

Review of By-laws. Discussion on the final version of the by-laws resulting in: 1.) immediate family members being allowed to serve together on the council during the same term.; 2.) clarifying what is meant by a three year term; 3.) terms of office being rewritten for clarity. Rosemary will be making the changes. All members agreed that once changes are complete, the by-laws will be accepted as written. Rosemary will not forward a copy of the by-laws until the mission statement is finally approved and incorporated into the document.

Review of Mission Statement: Discussion was held on the mission statement. Several examples of St Anne mission statement was submitted for review by the Ad-Hoc Committee. Fr. Marc combined several elements from the various statements and council members helped to refine the statement. As the mission statement is a living document it was suggested to take the refined statement and pray on its contents and be prepared to forward any changes to Dan or Father or come prepared to discuss at the next council meeting.

Discussion of the council members terms, starting with the council members who have served the longest; Sal Gio, Nick Sarbanis, and Cheryl Follien and when their term ends. The three previously mentioned will have completed their three year term as of June. It should be noted that the council will run from September to June, excluding July and August for vacation. Council members were asked to pray on when they think their term should end, whether in the following year (2 years) or the year after (3 years). If council members are unsure then Fr. Marc will pick members for the rotate

Social media was discussed as a way to reach out to more people. As few council members are adept at this type of communication, it was decided to speak to Eli for advice.

Fr Marc and Deacon Bill decided to have Ministry week-end, this week-end. Council members reviewed the various ministries to ensure that all the ministries were acknowledged. Fr. will use his homily to encourage participation from those who don't participate. Council members will ensure that the signup sheets are at the ends of the pews for each Mass.

Another outreach idea was a monthly news letter that would go out in the mail to inform parishioners and the greater community what events and ministries are taking place at St. Anne. Deb volunteered to help with that endeavor. Fr. Marc noted that the mail looked quite affordable.

Meeting ended with a prayer from Deacon Bill at 7:52pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>.