

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2017

Ongoing Business

Imagine St. Basil's

- ◆ The Imagine St. Basil's Report is now available. It will be posted to the Parish Website
 - ◇ 30 hard copies will be available at the back of the church
 - ◇ There will also be a sign up sheet for anyone looking to order additional copies
- ◆ Saturday April 22, the Parish Council will meet with the ministries to discuss the report
 - ◇ The structural changes and rebranding mapped out in the Report will be approved by the ministries
 - ◇ Changes to Parish Council will be explained
 - ◇ The Chairs of the ministries will be responsible for mapping out their organizational structures
 - ◇ All redesigns should be underway by May 2017

Bulletin Boards

- ◆ Bulletin Boards are still on order

Google Calendar

- ◆ The Google Calendar is currently under development and will be ready soon

Recruitment of New Parish Council Members

- ◆ Current and Past Chairs of Parish Council will be presenting 2-3 minute speeches at the start of mass to help recruit new members to Council
 - ◇ May 20-21 and May 27-28
 - ◇ June 3-4 and June 10-11

Volunteer Appreciation

- ◆ Planning for volunteer appreciation gathering is underway
 - ◇ May 28th tentative
 - ◇ Will be serving quiche
- ◆ Also opportunity to offer Loraine Shields our thanks for all her contributions

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New Business

Recruitment of New Choir Director

- ◆ Parish Council is considering two options for the new Choir Director Position:
 - ◇ Option 1: Paid for Service - Organize music selection, conduct choir, rehearsals, liaise with worship and liturgy
 - ◇ Option 2: Salaries - Option 1 plus children's choir, cantor for 5:00 mass, organize concerts
- ◆ Searching for people with liturgical talent and musical background:
 - ◇ Posting with the Royal Canadian Society of Organists, Music Departments at the University of Ottawa and Carleton University
- ◆ Parish Council will be checking with Finance Council regarding which of Option 1 or 2 will be most feasible
- ◆ The current choir director has agreed to help recruit the new director and assist with the interviews
 - ◇ The choir will also be consulted about their experiences and what they enjoy most about the Choir
 - ◇ This will be a learning experience for all involved, it is important to build on our excellent foundation

New Pastor

- ◆ Planning for the New Pastor should be underway by June
 - ◇ Comments and suggestions are all welcome
 - ◇ Please send them along by May 18

Reports from Commissions

Updates from Commissions

- ◆ The CWL is hosting a spaghetti dinner for the Confirmation Class on May 18
- ◆ The Good Friday children's activity was a huge success. There were over 30 children and their families were in attendance.
- ◆ The multi-faith housing initiative is in need of volunteers
- ◆ There will be a brunch after Family Mass on April 30
- ◆ There is a garden planting session tentatively scheduled for May 28
- ◆ No new information is available with regards to a potential BBQ on June 25

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Message from the Pastor

Community Update

- ◆ Father Ross noted that the Imagine St. Basil's report has been well received by Parish and Finance Council, but that the New Pastor should also be consulted before approving the new constitution
- ◆ Father Ross thanked Father Eddy for his time over the past few weeks, as well as all of this time with St. Basil's
- ◆ Three children completed the RCIA program over Easter and were received into the catechumenate. Father Ross, Father Wong, and Sister Finnerly are facilitating a workshop May 27 at Our Lady of Fatima to help those in the ministry of preparing people to join the church
- ◆ The April 2 concert was a successful fundraiser and a wonderful event
- ◆ Mass on June 25 will honour Heather Reid for her 24 years of service to the Parish
- ◆ Bishop Christian Reisbeck will be joining in the celebration of confirmation on May 21 at the 9:00 mass
 - ◇ A confirmation retreat is being held April 28-29
- ◆ The archdiocese has begun discerning a new pastor for the parish. They have been sent a copy of Imagine St. Basil's to help them understand the needs of the parish. Father Ross has also offered to spend some time with the new pastor to help with the transition

New Business

- ◆ There have been miscommunications between the community and Father Ross resulting in some errors and omissions. It is proposed that the pastor be cc'd on all email requests to the Parish Office
- ◆ All organizations in the parish are asked to submit a calendar of events to the Office for the period of September 2017 to June 2018 in order to make a digital calendar of all parish events available. It will also help avoid scheduling conflicts
- ◆ There is a lot of "stuff" being stored in the church. Some of it is of religious significance, but a lot of it is not. It is proposed that the community begin to clean up the church (starting with the Parish Garage) to help welcome the new pastor

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Motion to Engage in Dialogue with L'arche

Background

- ◆ In L'Arche, people who have intellectual disabilities and those who come to assist share life and daytime activities together in family-like settings that are integrated into local neighbourhoods. L'Arche in Canada has nearly 200 homes and workshops or day programs. These are grouped into what L'Arche calls "communities"
- ◆ L'arche Ottawa has 7 homes with 30 core members
- ◆ L'arche has been partnering with St. Julien of Norwisch's parish, but the church is moving and will be selling its land, including the L'arche community centre to developers

The Ask

- ◆ The community will need a new place to gather for its community activities once the current centre is torn down. L'arche is looking for a new faith community partner

Next Steps

- ◆ Parish Council was asked to give consideration to whether a partnership with L'arche would be desired and to discuss the proposal at a later date
- ◆ Parish Council would then approach Finance Council to determine the feasibility of such a partnership
- ◆ The Councils would then establish a working group to develop a vision and direction for the partnership
- ◆ L'arche would be asked to engage in a dialogue with the Councils to discuss the terms of this partnership and develop a collaborative and lasting relationship between L'arche and St. Basil's

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 18, 2017