**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 14, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance

*Council members*: Fr. Suresh, Evert Garcia, Mary Coates, Lisa Ley, Mark Tejares, Maricar Martin, Neyda Long, Juanita Gaudet, Nadine LeBlanc, Shelley Knorr.

*Regrets*: Rodney Savidge, Eden Laranjo, Fr. Peter

*Non council members*: Patty Cameron (Faith Formation), Myra Torralba (Couples for Christ), Bernadet Samulski (Finance Council)

1. Land Acknowledgment Statement (Nadine) and Opening Prayer (Father Suresh)
2. Agenda Approval
   1. Additions
      1. k) AGM
      2. l) Cleaning of church for Easter
   2. Corrections
      1. 4.a) – changed to ‘CLI’
      2. 5.b) – date changed to March 24th
3. Minutes of February 8, 2024 - Approval
   1. Correction – Couples for Christ will be providing the music ministry on the 1st Saturday of each month at St. Dunstan’s Church
   2. Approved with correction
4. Business Arising
   1. Communications/Updates
      1. CLI Disciple Maker Index Survey – Update (Father Suresh).
         1. Nadine, Myra, Shelley and Fr. Suresh attended three webinars with the CLI group to review the results of the survey. The webinars were an overview of the results and instruction on how to review them in more depth locally.
         2. The attendees will meet after Easter to review and summarize the results for St. Mary Magdalene Parish.
      2. Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper
         1. Approximately 250 people attended
         2. Brought in $2060, plus food donations from the parish. Profit - $1504
         3. Provided an opportunity to reconnect with fellow parishioners.
5. New Pastoral items
   1. Celebration of Father Peter’s 25th anniversary – Hospitality Ministry (Father Suresh);
      1. Fr. Peter’s anniversary is May 14th
      2. Will plan to have a thanksgiving mass on May 12th
      3. Lisa and Neyda will organize a reception after mass. They will reach out to the Hospitality Committee for assistance.
         1. Will invite family and friends from the other parishes he has served in.
   2. Soup Sunday – March 24th – Saints John and Paul Church (Lisa);
      1. Will prepare for 50-60 people
      2. Have 5 kinds of soup on the menu, along with rolls and sweets
      3. Free will offering
      4. Have a group in place to set up on Saturday night. May need help with cleaning up.
   3. Seafood Chowder Supper – Good Friday (Father Suresh);
      1. Discussion was held regarding holding this event on Good Friday in view of the solemnity of the day.
      2. Fr. Suresh will speak with the organizer and suggest the date be moved to either the 22nd or sometime after Easter
   4. 12 Neighbours – Gift Cards Collection – April 7th (Father Suresh);
      1. Subway gift cards will be collected on April 7th at Sts John and Paul Church
      2. To be put in bulletin
      3. Perhaps will expand to St. Columba Church and St Dunstan’s Church next year
   5. Promote Adoration at Mass through a testimony from witnesses (Father Suresh & Nadine);
      1. Nadine suggested a testimony be given once per month at Sunday mass at Sts John and Paul and St. Dunstan’s to promote attendance at Eucharistic Adoration.
      2. Myra volunteered to give a testimony
      3. Others who attend regularly will be asked to give a testimony
   6. Celebration for new baptized members - Easter Sunday between masses (Father Suresh);
      1. Discussion was held regarding the best time to have the celebration. It was decided it would be best to have it Saturday night after the Vigil service.
      2. Fr. Suresh will contact Mary McMahon to organize.
   7. Taizé for Saints John & Paul and Saint Columba Churches (Nadine);
      1. A request was received to have the Taize prayer at Sts John and Paul.
      2. Neyda will attend the Taize prayer service at St. Dunstan’s to experience it
      3. Further discussion will be had
   8. List of names of the sicks, prayers intention - added to bulletin (Father Suresh);
      1. Discussion was held regarding the benefit of having the names of the sick read out at mass each Sunday. It was felt that it may be discouraging to some to hear the same names week after week.
      2. It was suggested that the names be in the bulletin, but not read out at mass.
      3. The parish prayer group will be praying for those who are sick.
   9. Names of Necrology – bulletin (Father Suresh); - deferred
   10. Pentecostal Mission – Weekend Gifts Workshop May 19-20 (Father Suresh).
       1. This mission will be held at St. Dunstan’s Church at no cost to the parish
       2. Churches from around the Diocese will be invited to attend
   11. AGM
       1. Will be held in April
       2. Information will be put together in a booklet from both Finance and Pastoral Council.
   12. Cleaning of church for Easter – not discussed as ran out of time
6. Committee Reports
7. Faith Formation – report attached
8. Communication – report attached
9. Liturgy – no report
10. Couple for Christ – report attached
11. K. of C. – no report
12. CWL – no report
13. Finance
    1. St. Columba presented concerns about the budget and cost sharing. A small committee will be formed to review.
    2. Office is open 5 days/week. New staff member – Anna MacLean will be working 9:30 – 5:30
14. Comments from Father Suresh – nothing further
15. Closing Prayer (Father Peter).

Date/Time next meeting: April 11, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.