

HOLY ROSARY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES – April 19, 2017

1.0 Call to Order / Agenda / Minutes

- 1.1 Welcome – Cathy Whyte = CWL Representative
- 1.2 Opening Spiritual Reflection – Melissa
- 1.3 Regrets – Steve Wright, Therese Wright.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda - Rodney / Robert
- 1.5 Approval of Minutes - Fernando / Jeff

2.0 Refuge Committee Update – Dolores

▪ **Committee and Communications**

- The Committee has learned so much in the first 6 months.
- Committee has worked hard to keep everyone informed – parish, volunteers.
- Sent gift certificates to the translators as a thank you.
- Dolores is looking for any feedback on communication.

▪ **Family Update**

- Children doing well in school and learning English very quickly.
- Saeed working on his English. He has completed a 6-week employment readiness program and is starting a 90-day apprenticeship at Danby.
- The family is getting connected in the communication, have been attending Mosque and has a social network through their translators.
- Amal is connecting socially and is continuing to work on her English.

▪ **Transition Planning**

- The committee is starting to work on the transition to allow the family to become more independent. This may include the family looking for alternative housing.

3.0 Youth and Children's Programs – Wendy

- Wendy submitted a report that will be included with the April Cluster Reports.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Cluster Reports / Updates – Cluster Representatives

- Melissa said that the Pantry has been very blessed and the Parishioners were very generous as part of Holy Thursday mass.

4.2 CWL Report – CWL Representative

- A letter was sent to Global network to protest against the television show *Mary Kills People*, which glorifies euthanasia. We have not yet seen a response.
- Letters and a petition with 38 signatures were sent to Liz Sandals and the Ontario Medical Association requesting an amendment to recent legislation regarding Medical Assistance in Dying which requires doctors to refer patients who request end of life measures to colleagues who will provide them. Our argument is that this action still makes the physician complicit in the patient's death, and does not allow the physician to act fully according to his/her conscience.
- Members supported one of the group who has sponsored a refugee family by providing some household items the family needed.
- We sponsored and participated in the 40 days of life chain of prayer.
- Alana Forester attended our April 10 meeting as a guest speaker. She provided a reflection and led a discussion on the topic "Mary or Martha, Which One Are You?" It was very thought provoking and well received.

- We are currently in contact with St. James C.H.S., Holy Rosary and St. Patrick schools, regarding graduation awards. We will work with the Pastoral Council to ensure there is no duplication in the names we submit for the High School.
- The new executive will be installed in a brief ceremony April 23, at the 11:00 a.m. mass.
- The C.W.L. Diocesan Convention will take place May 26, 27, 28, in Kitchener.

5.0 Chair Comments.

5.1 Jamaica Letter – Update on next Steps.

- Meeting between SC Executive and Magee on Jamaica partnership.

6.0 Pastor's Desk – Fr. Boyd

6.1 Website Update

- Site is now live and old site will be decommissioned soon.
- Please continue to send updates to the webmaster.

6.2 Construction / Renovations Update

- The group is still assessing needs. It is still early in the process.
- Magee stated that a kitchen assessment was done a year or more ago. Fr. Boyd asked that the findings be forwarded to the committee.

6.3 Volunteer Awards for 2017

- Fr. Boyd has asked for any names or nominations for awards.

6.4 Provincial Visit and Feedback

- Provincial Visit occurred on March 28th.
- The Provincial met with a group of Parishioners representing key ministries (Refuge, Manitoulin, Pastoral Care etc.).
- The feedback was that he was very pleased with what we are working on and our alignment with the values and focus of the Jesuits.

6.5 Easter

- Fr. Boyd thanked all those involved in the Easter celebrations.
- Jo Kealey did an outstanding job coordinating all of the events.

7.0 Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Communications, Youth Ministry, Knights of Columbus and Refugee Committee) – As required

8.0 Finance Report – No report.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Ministry Celebration and Recruitment (Jeff / Fernando)

- Confirmed for June 11.
- We need confirmation on which ministries will set up booths at the event.

9.2 Parish Picnic 2017 (Rob)

- June 25th is the proposed date.
- Rob has confirmation that we will have games and have some funding to support this.
- The next step is to engage the Social Committee.

9.3 School Awards Update (Therese)

- We are waiting for the names.

10.0 Adjournment

10.1 Closing Prayer.

10.2 Next Meeting – May 17, 2017