

HOLY ROSARY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES – May 17, 2017

- 1.0 Call to Order / Agenda / Minutes
 - 1.1 Opening Spiritual Reflection – Pat
 - 1.2 Regrets – Fr. Boyd, Therese Wright, Kathleen Stubbert,
 - 1.3 Approval of Agenda – Rob / Steve
 - 1.4 Approval of Minutes – Kristin, Melissa

- 2.0 Knight of Columbus – Frank Maine
 - Frank provided a report to Council (copy attached).
 - Frank shared a document with the history of Knights of Columbus
 - Frank shared a copy of the annual report they send to the Supreme Council.

- 3.0 Business Arising
 - 3.1 April 2017 Cluster Reports (Pre-Read)
 - Discussion on any issues / needs or requests.
 - It was noted that a number of ministries are in need of new volunteers.
 - We agreed that it will be important to reinforce the volunteer event for recruiting.
 - Pantry – Joining in the city-wide food drive. A brochure will be in the bulletin this weekend.
 - 3.2 CWL Report – Cathy
 - At the May General Meeting a crowning of Mary was held. Hymns were sung and the Hail Mary was recited in five different languages as a decade of the rosary was prayed. We also heard a reading of an excerpt of the story of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima.
 - The CWL will participate in the Ministry fair on June 11 and would like a table.
 - Also on June 11, our end of year event at Loyola House begins at 4:30 with mass said by Fr. Bernie Carroll, followed by a dinner. Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office. All women of the parish are invited.
 - The CWL is looking for a new treasurer. Our current treasurer is willing to train the new person and will stay in the position until a new treasurer is found.
 - The Twelve Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care hosted by our parish was well attended.
 - The walk for Life was rescheduled for May 27 because of bad weather. Two of our members will participate.
 - Candidates for the CWL bursary at St. James have been narrowed down, and will be chosen at the next executive meeting with Father Boyd's input.

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

- 5.0 Finance Report – Steve
 - Balance sheet is healthy and includes some money being held for Pantry, Refuge Committee, Youth Ministry etc.
 - We are covering our costs through our weekly offerings. We are basically on budget.

- 6.0 New Business
 - 6.1 Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage
 - Canoe trip from July 21 to August 15
 - Aligned with Pope's Culture of Encounter, Truth and Reconciliation

- 30 participants at a cost of \$2000 per participant
- 2 Jesuit Seminarians in the Parish on June 11th. Will attend Mass and the Ministry Fair.
- They will be fundraising for people under 25 years.
- Father has recommended that the Parish will match up to \$4000.

6.2 Ministry Celebration and Recruitment June 11 (Jeff / Fernando)

- Tables: Adult Faith, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Development & Peace, Friends of Jesus, Holy Rosary Pantry, Mission Possible, Stewardship Council, Volunteer Screening, Social Committee, Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage, CWL (TBC by Cathy)
- Cathy was part of the food team last year with Anna and Angie.
- Focus on recognition, new volunteers and learning about Ministries.
- Jeff to organize a bulletin announcement for 2 weeks.

6.3 Parish Picnic 2017 June 25 (Rob)

- Jeff needs to reserve the hall.
- Social committee will assist with the food.
- Horses and ponies for the kids, games and dunk tank.
- Food would need to be served near hall.
- We need some thoughts on how to handle bad weather.

7.0 Adjournment

7.1 Closing Prayer.

7.2 Next Meeting – June 21, 2017



Holy Rosary Parish Round Table

Report to Holy Rosary Parish Stewardship Council, May 17, 2017

On March 29, 1882, the Connecticut state legislature officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society with the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity in order to render financial aid to members and their families. From this start of one council, today there are now 15,342 councils and almost 2 million members. Charitable donations in 2015 were \$175,079,192 with a volunteering of over 70 million hours of service.

The Guelph Knights of Columbus, Council 1507 received its charter on October 10, 1910 from the Supreme Council, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. and rented space to hold meetings. In 1921, it was decided that a Building Society should be formed and the Guelph Knights of Columbus Building Association Limited was incorporated on October 21, 1921 and owned by the third degree knights. In 1925, a building was purchased. As the council grew more space was needed and larger facilities were purchased culminating in the purchase of the Lewis Rd. site in 1976. Peter Brazolot played a major role in the successful operation of this facility and with his construction background and skills transformed the operation to profitability. With no successor to his talents being available and with the request from the Supreme Council in the early 1990s that all Church parishes have their own Councils, it was decided to sell the Lewis Rd. property and hold meetings in the parishes of Guelph. Councils have been formed at St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart and Round Tables established at Holy Rosary and St. John's. Five years ago, the Lewis Rd. site was sold to Red Top Taxi for \$900,000 comprised of an initial payment of \$150,000 and a five-year mortgage at 4% interest for the balance to be taken back by the Building Association with monthly payments of \$1,000 on the principle plus interest on the balance. This amounted to roughly \$4,000 a month or \$50,000 a year. By the rules of the Canadian Revenue Agency, this money has to go to charity. The principle beneficiaries have been the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Rosary Parish and Loyola House. It is our intention that, when the mortgage comes due in September, Red Top Taxi will renew their mortgage with a conventional lender and the Building Association will receive a payment of \$700,000. Negotiations to realize that goal will be starting soon. Meanwhile, discussions with a lawyer and an accountant are planned to see what options we have with the Canadian Revenue Agency's rules and guidelines.

Holy Rosary Parish Round Table has currently 21 members with 7 being Honorary Life members (over 70 years old and members for 25 years) and as such has a need for more and younger and active members. Our fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 and in the fiscal year 2015/2016, we were involved in the following activities:

- Church picnic
- Pot-luck dinner
- Harvest dinner
- Saturday night supper
- Christmas cake sale
- Parish breakfast
- Parish dinner/dance fundraiser
- Parish garage sale

Frank Maine, Co-ordinator
Holy Rosary Parish Round Table
Knights of Columbus, Council 1507