

# HOLY ROSARY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES – October 18, 2017

- 1.0 Call to Order / Agenda / Minutes
  - 1.1 Opening Spiritual Reflection – Rob
  - 1.2 Regrets – Father Boyd
  - 1.3 Approval of Agenda – Rob / Rodney
  - 1.4 Approval of Minutes – Pat / Joanne
  
- 2.0 Business Arising
  - 2.1 Reminder to Cluster Leaders – October Ministry Reports are Due October 31
  - 2.2 Cluster / Ministry Updates - None
  - 2.3 CWL Report – CWL Representative
    - The CWL appreciated that the feedback on the hall was received by SC and are looking forward to the response.
    - CWL pays the costs for people coming to church using a taxi. They are looking at alternatives like mobility passes. Jeff suggested that they also connect with Mark Mcdowall who runs Driverseat. They may be an opportunity with his company.
    - 5 women attended the CWL Diocesan League Development Day on September 30th.
    - There was good representation from Holy Rosary at the rose planting with the Women of Faith from All Saints Anglican Lutheran Church. This was to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran church.
    - CWL Civic Retreat on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. All CWL and women of the Guelph parishes are invited. The retreat is being hosted at Holy Rosary.
    - CWL membership voted for guest speaker next spring on the challenges of Human Trafficking. The Sisters of Notre Dame in Waterdown are focused on this issue. Steve suggested that the session be open to the whole parish and not just the CWL. Cathy to bring back that suggestion to the CWL.
    - Bazaar is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets are being sold.
  
- 3.0 Chair Comments.
  - 3.1 Jamaica and Hall Kitchen Issues Deferred to November
  
- 4.0 Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Communications, Youth Ministry, Knights of Columbus and Refugee Committee) – As required
  - 4.1 Communications Report from John McCormick
    - A detailed update on the website and 3 usage reports were provided by John.
    - John provided some next steps in the summary. SC agreed on the next steps and asked how John plans to proceed.
    - Rodney mentioned that the registration page / form for new parishioners asks about money but not about talents. Pat to send a request to John to see if a box about volunteering can be added to the intake form. Therese to work with office to understand how new parishioners are identified, contacted etc. Update in November.
    - There was a discussion around adding photos to the website. There was a question on there the Dioceses has a photo policy. Pat to follow-up with Diocese.
    - John reinforced the importance of ministries keeping their content current. It was suggested that as part of the April cluster reports, we ask each ministry to report on the status of their website content.
    - Rodney noted that the Parish plan on the website has not been updated since 2014.

## 5.0 Finance Report – Steve (No Report)

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Joe Kealey Thank You Card

- Kirsten provided a card (she created). It was circulated and Kristin to share with Father Boyd on his return.

### 6.2 Volunteer Appreciation Event – Timing for 2018

- National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 15-21, 2018.
- Council recommends April 15 or 22. To confirm with Father in November.

### 6.3 Ministry Fair Event – Timing for 2018

- The committee likes the idea of a ministry Fair in church / hallways / community room in September / October 2018.
- Important to reach out and engage any new parishioners.
- Kirstin suggested we investigate some volunteer recruitment in January. Recommend tables for all Ministers over 2 weekends during all masses. Rodney suggested you rotate the tables each weekend (Front Entrance vs. Community Room)
- The committee identified either Jan 21 or 28<sup>th</sup> as potential dates.
- Confirm at the November meeting and Pat to bring a list of Ministries.

### 6.4 Picnic – Timing for 2018

- Date planned to debrief the 2017 picnic. Jeff to provide an update in November.

### 6.5 Renewal / Prayer Groups for 2018 - Rodney

- Rodney shared some thoughts on parish renewal from a book called 'Divine Renovation'. The book is by Fr. James Mellon. It is available on Amazon for \$28. There is also a YouTube 3-part series. This is the link:

<https://youtu.be/C18V0l28-2U>

- Archbishop Mancini of Halifax Diocese on 'Equip the Saints'. A three-year Diocese Renewal program. Here is the link:

- <http://halifaxarmouth.org/plan/item/2017-assembly-of-the-people-of-god-will-you-be-there>

- The recommendation was to schedule one evening to discuss Stewardship and renewal. The diocese may be able to support. Focus is on parishioners are the stewards of the parish. We are the parish. A focus on time and talent. Suggest scheduling in early January.

- Rodney suggested we all review the items above and discuss in November.

### 6.6 Camp Ekon – Therese

- It is time to identify the Camp Ekon students sponsored by the Parish for 2018. Therese to work with Fernando on the Camp Ekon selection process.

### 6.7 Acoustics Update – Rodney

- Rodney shared a sketch of the panels. They would be on the side walls between the windows. Father Boyd has concerns about the impact of the aesthetics of the church.
- The initial quote provided was \$19,000 (installed). We are waiting for a second quote.
- There was a question of whether parishioners could make these vs purchasing them.
- It was noted that some speakers are more challenging because they speak quickly.

## 7.0 Adjournment

### 7.1 Closing Prayer

### 7.2 Next Meeting – November 15, 201