

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2017

Summary

- ◆ Parish Council Garage Sale – September 30, 2017
- ◆ Volunteer Fair – October 15, 2017
- ◆ Ministry Representatives on Parish Council
- ◆ Topics for Future Plans: Green Church, Social Media, L'Arche, Relationship between Parish and Finance Council
- ◆ Updates from Father James

Garage Sale

- ◆ Posters for the garage sale were sent to members of pastoral council to be distributed
- ◆ Tables are available for \$5 (which will be collected the day of the garage sale)
- ◆ The garage sale begins at 8:00
- ◆ Leftovers are being picked up on Monday
- ◆ The Garage Sale will be September 30, rain-date October 1

Volunteer Fair

- ◆ October 14-15
- ◆ We will provide tables
- ◆ Set-up will be Saturday afternoon from 2:00-4:00

Housekeeping Notes

- ◆ The next Parish Council meetings will be October 21 (A Day of Reflection), November 26, and December 7
- ◆ The minutes are designed to be public and increase the transparency of how the Parish operates. We are aiming to improve the turn-around time, and to keep them brief

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Imagine St. Basils

- ◆ Imagine St. Basil's suggested that Parish Council should be the hub and conduit to communicate to the Parish
- ◆ Recommendations are on pg. 12 for PC
 - ◇ The new Ministry Representatives on Parish Council are:
 - Outreach: Ed Loziuk ed.Loziuk@gmail.com
 - Faith Formation: Mary Ross mpross07@gmail.com
 - Parish Vitality: Sister Barbara Hebert
 - Liturgy: Judy Young judyyoung@sympatico.ca
 - ◇ If you are unsure of which Ministry your initiative falls under please consult the Imagine St. Basil's Report on the Parish Website.
 - ◇ Ministry representatives are responsible for ensuring the budgets are submitted from the Ministries. Budget sheets are available, please return your submission to your Parish Council representative by the Parish Council meeting on October 21.
 - Please try to be as accurate as possible, money leftover at the end of the year cannot be accumulated

Green Church

- ◆ Green Church will be the theme for the Parish
- ◆ This theme will be a learning process
- ◆ There will be updates of the Green Church at each Parish Council meeting
- ◆ The Green Church will be a part of the Parish Vitality Ministry

Social Media

- ◆ Outreach beyond the Bulletin
 - ◇ We have Website and Twitter
- ◆ Church does not have an email list
 - ◇ Consideration is being given to a formal media committee to connect with Parishioners, maintain a privacy and security policy, etc.
- ◆ This committee could also take over responsibility for welcoming new people to the Church

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L'Arche Ottawa

- ◆ A Welcoming Mass was held on September 9 to coincide with the 45th anniversary of L'Arche
- ◆ L'Arche Ottawa and St. Basil's are working together to develop future partnerships and opportunities

Liturgy

- ◆ The Eucharistic Ministers will be switching from hand sanitizer to hand washing before serving Communion
 - ◇ Christmas falls on a Monday this year
 - ◇ Advent mass will be on December 24 at 11:00
 - ◇ Christmas Eve Mass will be December 24 at 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, and 10:00 pm
 - ◇ Christmas Mass will be December 25 at 11:00
- ◆ New Year's Day also falls on a Monday
 - ◇ Sunday Mass will be at 9:00 and 11:00
 - ◇ Vigil will be at 5:00
 - ◇ New Year's Day Mass will be at 11:00
- ◆ There is a separate chair for the trustees at each mass. Their names will not appear in the Bulletin. People are encouraged to contact the Parish Office for more information

Music Ministry

- ◆ There is still no leader for the Choir, the search is ongoing
- ◆ Interim solutions are in place until November

Finance Report

- ◆ Parish Council is working with Finance Council to establish a liaison function between the two groups to ensure that open communication

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Update from Father James

- ◆ Bulletin and Inserts should be submitted to the Parish Office by no later than Thursday (10 days before the Sunday required)
- ◆ The Parish Office will now be opened Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- ◆ The Parish Office is being cleaned up
- ◆ The Ramp has been repaired
- ◆ Repairs to the Bell Tower are underway
- ◆ The Bulletin Boards have arrived