

**Present** : Father Gerry, Paulette Dupuis, Vic St. Hilaire, Joseph Nnadi, Christine Nnadi, Jun Parreno , Don Petsche, Geraldine Wilkinson, Tina Eriya, Bonnie Cornwell, Gil Dupuis

1. **Call to order**--Paulette

2. **Prayer**: Father Gerry

3. **Adoption of Agenda** : Don P. / Joseph N. carried

4. **Adoption of Minutes** last meeting Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as corrected: Geraldine W./ Vic St. H.-- carried

5. **Business arising from November 19<sup>th</sup> minutes**:

(a) Marriage Prep program : one couple interested. ACTION: Paulette will get more info

(b) Ministry Fair: it was decided to table this item till the next PPC mtg. in April

6. **Chairperson Report**:

(a) Overview of Nathanael Program: Pamphlets will be available. PPC asked to discern possible participation of Parishioners. Open House for further info. will take place at St. Emile in early March.

b) Diocesan Newsletter: Paulette to forward to members of PPC. Encouraged to subscribe as there are many event /items that touch on our ministries.

7. **New Business**:

(a) Christmas Masses review & recommendation: two masses at 4h30 and 7h30 only. Since parking was a problem for the second mass, this allows more time in between for parishioners to take pictures etc. and empty the parking lot before the next mass....

(b) NEW AGM date: **March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 After 11 a.m. Mass in Parish Hall**... Hospitality to decide on refreshments served.

- Ministry reports to **Wilmar March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
wrchopyk@mymts.net
- For Ministry Reports: Paulette will send instructions

(c) Due to many changes in our parish since our first PPC in 2011, a survey of our parishioners is timely. Questions to be asked: "What do you like about our parish?" "What would you like to see improved?". - two Sundays, - This feedback will assist the PPC in knowing what is going well, what needs improving, and what new ideas to move forward.

**ACTION:** AD HOC COMMITTEE (Paulette, Vic St. Hilaire, Nancy St. Hilaire, Jun Parreno (youth)) to meet for planning and deciding dates etc.... **TO MEET ON THIS PLAN.** Others members are most welcome to join this committee....

### **7. *Pastor's Report:***

- Deacon Stephan has been reassigned to St. Andrew Babola Parish
- April 17<sup>th</sup>, Holy Wednesday: "Seven Words".... Parishioners testimonies.. Bonnie Cornwell to plan with Fr. Gerry
- Advent : have one Choir from outside: Gregorian music from last year was preference.
- Way of the Cross outside : April 19<sup>th</sup>, **ACTION:** Committee: Christy N., Don P. (Knights), Gilbert D. and others to be approached
- Father Gerry away: Feb 25- Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar 26 – April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 29- June 10

### **9. *Ministry Report:***

- Social Activities committee: Joseph Nnadi will do report for AGM as Iris & Vic M. away...
- Liturgical Hosting: (Greeters, Collectors, Offertory gifts, ( Vic St. H.): Vic explained committee's decision not to have ushers since Knights & others are available at very busy times. **ACTION:** he will check into 11:00 a.m. mass in terms of seating parishioners if there is a need... This duty could be done by the Greeters who are on duty at that mass.
- Hospitality: (Christy N.) last Sunday of the month
- Faith & Spiritual Growth: (Bonnie C.)

(a) We have used the bulletin and web site, to remind parishioners of Novenas that connect us in common prayer,

even from our homes.

(b) A prayer of Surrender was also sent to many. We found out that the Eve of Advent was anticipated by many. We will begin our plans for this celebration at a much earlier date this year. The Wreath and Nativity blessing evening was held in its place.

(c) We held a scripture study on Wednesday afternoons. All who attended were excited with how it enhanced our reception of the "Word" on Sunday.

(d) We will begin our Lenten Scripture soon, this time on an evening.

- KC Report: (Don P.) Charities supported: Keep Christ in Xmas program, Basketball Free Throw program, Into the Breach program, ACTION: info. to follow re: Parish Fish Fry
- Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins: ( Geraldine W.) Shut-ins program: Meadowood manor, private homes... new members welcomed. ACTION: Will meet with Fr. Gerry re: 6 new applicants and interviews.
- Sacristy: (Tina E.) altar server robes cleaned, schedule for readers at masses posted (Chapel)
- Maintenance: revisiting security system for St. Emile Church & St. Emile Parish Center, repeat AED Program info if enough interest...ACTION: Gilbert will look into scheduling another AED and First Aid session. Report-
- Liturgical: (Zorina Ch.) Scheduling for Ash Wednesday , Lent, Easter underway.
- Couples for Christ: (Beth C. Jun P.): CFC has scheduled kids activities for the following months: February 23 - Kids Camp: 9:30 am - mass, 10:30am - registration, 11-3pm - kids activities, 2pm - Parent Forum (parents are encouraged/requested to attend), March 23 - General Assembly (Praise & Worship) 2pm start till 4pm (joint KFC St Emile and KFC - Kids of couples for Christ) April 20 - General Assembly 2-4pm, May 25 - GA 2-4pm, June 22 - GA 2-4pm . All activities are Saturdays, once a month in the parish hall.
- 2. Orientation after Easter.
- Youth: (Sylvester O.) (a) We started youth mass this year

and so far it has been good. We are looking at getting more youths involved in this activity as we believe this is the best way to engage our youth to participate in the church

- (b) We have over the weeks been meeting with Youth for Christ. It's been rewarding and we are looking at working with them to make our youth ministry very active.
  - (c).I invited the Youth for Christ to observe our youth mass last Sunday and they showed up, participated and were delighted. We are hoping to continue the discussions.
  - (d). Gisele unfortunately is stepping aside from the Youth Ministry with a promise to help coordinate things when I do need her.
  - (e) Ed Upton was approached to be part of the youth ministry. We will meet soon to discuss strategy and update him on where we are and where we want to be.
  - (f). We appreciate the concern of the parish and every member here towards having a vibrant youth ministry. And the kids send their appreciation to you for your encouragement.
- Next Meeting : April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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