

St. Emile Parish Pastoral Council minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Present: Fr. Gerry, Paul VanLeeuwen, Don Petsche, Zorina Chang, Meycee Kalaw, Rose Marie Couture, Bonnie Cornwell, Gilbert Dupuis, Paulette Dupuis

1. Call to order: 7 p.m.
2. Prayer led by Fr. Gerry
3. Adoption of Jan. 17th PPC minutes: Rose Marie/Zorina
4. Adoption of AGM minutes(March 21st, 2018) as corrected: Meycee / Paul
5. Review of June 06, 2018 PPC minutes. (no quorum/no adoption required)
6. Chairperson's report: (a) Welcome to Don Petsche, new Grand Knight for St. Emile

Knights of Columbus

(b) update of PPC members list: Vacancies: Vice-Chair,
Secretary, Sacristy chairperson, CWL Liaison

ACTION: Paulette will put appeal for Secretary in the
bulletin. Thanks to Gilbert for taking the minutes tonight.

(c) Wilmar Chopyk (former Vice-Chair, now serving on Finance
Committee. Vice-Chair needed. Discussion and suggestions
at next PPC mtg.

(d) Natalia Bilynsky no longer CWL Liaison. **ACTION:** Paulette
will contact CWL chairperson to invite a representative

(d) Reviewing the role of School Liaison on PPC. (considering all
Business interactions with school at the present time,
School Liaison's presence on Finance/Admin. Committee
more relevant. **ACTION:** Paulette will speak with Darren.

(e) Will be meeting with Syro-Malabar, along with Rose Marie, Fr. Gerry, as part of plan for regular communication and updates. **ACTION:** Rose Marie to confirm date.

(f) **ACTION:** Will be meeting with Fr. Gerry (Sept. 4th) to discuss particular needs and plan for possible up-coming events. This will be brought to next PPC meeting.

(g) **ACTION:** Will be contacting Ministry chairpersons to discuss needs and future plans before the next PPC mtg.

7. Business arising from last minutes:

Couples for Christ (CFC): Paulette presented a review of CFC:

- CFC presented at June 6th meeting. Since there were too few PPC members present, (lack of quorum), no decision could be made. It was decided that feedback and recommendations from those PPC members in attendance would be sent to all.
- Paulette shared that she had done research on CFC, discussed CFC with various parishes, and had especially clarified the role of CFC in our diocese and in a Parish with His Grace.

Couples for Christ (CFC) Vision: Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth

- Each PPC member in attendance gave their input
- Fr. Gerry stated that he was familiar with CFC. Due to the immediate need in our parish, he confirms that CFC is willing to assist in training parishioners for teaching Catechism. He also stated the need to move forward with New Evangelization in our parish and that this is the CFC vision/mission.
- All agreed to the need to reach out to our Youth.
- Thanks to the very open, honest discussion, it was the consensus that we invite Couples for Christ to begin their ministry in St. Emile.

- CFC will begin by inviting parishioners to participate in a free integrated course of Evangelism and Spiritual renewal. (in accordance with and similar to Diocesan Evangelization programs being offered now) It is from these St. Emile parishioners that it is hoped CFC can continue in our parish.
- A liaison from CFC will sit on the PPC.
- CFC and existing PPC ministries will work hand in hand.

It is clearly understood that any involvement of CFC in our Parish will follow the Diocesan Guidelines for PPC.

ACTION: Paulette will meet with Fr. Gerry to formulate a letter of invitation to the CFC and to discuss further action. (meeting with CFC reps., particular needs, dates to begin etc....)

8. Pastor's Report: (a) Humane Vitae successfully completed

(b) Song of Mary, Friday, Sept 7 @ 7 pm at St. Emile

(c) Mass with Archbishop Ramon Arguelles on Thurs., Aug. 23rd
@ 7 pm at St. Emile

9. Ministries Reports:

- Liturgical Ministry (Zorina)

Orientation Guides for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers updated to incorporate Celebration of Mass with a Deacon. Awaiting review and approval by Fr. Gerry and Deacon Stepan in time for Liturgical Orientation.

Orientation Dates: September 15, 2018 (Saturday) 10 am- 12 pm
September 27, 2018 (Thursday) 6– 8 pm

(MEET & GREET with light snack for the first ½ hour followed by FORMAL ORIENTATION and blessing of Ministers)

Father Gerry will be the facilitator for these sessions to promote greater focus on theological reflection, learning and appreciation of the liturgy.

Hoping to provide certificate of attendance.

Budget Proposal for snacks and certificates will be submitted to Finance committee.

Liturgical Hosting (greeters, collection, gift) will have a separate orientation where there will be greater focus on enhancing welcoming skills of the greeters beyond simply handing out Bulletin at the door. The goal is for greeters to be more aware St. Emile Parish history and various Ministries so they can also invite parishioners to be more involved. Exploring workshop availability.

- Ministry for the Sick and Shut-ins (Paul)

Ministry is coping and supplying services to the 8 clients in the Nursing home and 4 clients in private homes. The schedule enclosed is not working well for some of our team.

We have 8 people in our ministry, operating in teams of 2, (one woman and one man)
The schedule allows that each of us is on duty once every 4 weeks.

- Faith and Spiritual Growth Ministry (Bonnie)

This ministry has felt a sense of hibernation in the past few months. Although we have posted numerous messages of encouragement and invitation to prayer gathers, the response has been minimal. Gatherings have been offered at different times and days to allow for differing schedules.

Some member of the ministry have been putting their energies into supporting other important events in the parish. I am thankful for their devotion to St. Emile as a whole.

We look forward to an exciting season ahead as we regroup in the fall. Many thanks to Fr. Gerry for his organization of past events such as parish retreats and his inspiring homilies.

- Music ministry (Meycee)

1. Choir loft:

- Area was organized by Al O'Toole and Richard Cornwell.
 - Cables tidied, equipment optimized... Thank you!
- Gilbert Dupuis provided a shelf to be used in the choir loft area.
 - Helps in the organization of various music materials . Thank you!
- New Rules implemented:
 - No food or drink in unsealed containers
 - Doors to be locked if loft not in use.
 - Messages relayed to school by Darren Witzaney
 - Messages relayed to King's Chorus and Syro-Malabary by Fr. Gerry

2. **Holy Week Celebration:**
 - Great success with the help of many volunteers as it is the busiest time for Music Ministry.
 - We celebrated by having a lunch, which we plan on doing again next year.
 3. **Ongoing recruitment for new members:**
 - We have five new members that volunteer weekly/monthly in various groups
 - Continue to invite new members through bulletin.
 4. **Member Departure:**
 - Arturo Galupe resigned from Music Ministry, effective April 8, 2018. He was a vital member of the music Ministry and led the 9 a.m. mas. He is the longest member of Music Ministry at St. Emile serving for over 30 years. We extend our sincerest appreciation for his work and dedication to our parish!
 - Current Mass leaders. (Roles: selects songs, organizes practices, conducts during masses):
 - 5 p.m. (monthly) - Meycee
 - 9 a.m. (weekly) - Adaeze
 - 11 a.m. (weekly) - Corinne
 5. **We are thankful for the support from King's Chorus and other visiting choirs for sharing their talents and helping the Music Ministry.**
 - Special thanks to King's Chorus for providing music at the First Communion and Confirmation celebration.
 6. **Upcoming Tasks – Projector**
 - Possible joint effort with Youth Ministry since we will need individuals who will assist in putting together the PowerPoint slides. Meycee has reached out to Youth Ministry (Ella) but will follow up with current liaisons.
 - This is required since the Breaking Bread books will no longer be procured in the new liturgical year. Our parish will be relying on the projector system as a supplement for the Music ministry.
- **Knights of Columbus Liaison report:**
 1. Knights continue with their involvement with Youth
 2. Have initiated 17 new Knights from the Syro- Malabar (St. Jude parish) community.
 - **Finance Committee: (Rose Marie)**

- Informed us that the next Finance Committee mtg. is Sept. 21st.

10. Closing Prayer

NEXT PPC MTG. TBD
