

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
May 2, 2018
St. James Church, 7:30 PM
(following 7:00 p.m. mass)

MINUTES

1. Opening Prayer: Melita
 2. Additions to the Agenda: combined meeting of the 4 parishes' pastoral councils
 3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved
 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Mission Update-It was well received and well attended.
 - b) PPC Minutes-It was decided that it should be communicated to parishioners in the bulletin that minutes will be posted after meetings. Secretary will send the minutes out to Council members to be read and for approval. They are to let the Secretary know via email when they have read and approved them before posting to website.
 - c) Photo Directory-Father will put a notice in the bulletin to ask for volunteers.
 5. Other Business:
 - a) Succession of Parish Council Members- The members remaining on the council for another term include: Christine Mills and Deb McCarthy (St. Patrick's) and Mary Blake and Lindsay Sills (St. James). It was decided that we will plan to add 4 new members (2 from each parish) to the council at this time. Father Clare shared a complete list of all the names of parishioners put forward through the nomination process. It was decided which members would call which nominations in order to seek their approval to let their name stand. After the phone calls have been made, Deb and Christine will report back to Mary Helen, and Lindsay and Mary will report back to Melita. This will be done by May 9th at the latest. If necessary, a discernment process will follow to choose the four new members. Father Clare agreed to call the new members once they have been decided. The formal welcome and blessing of the new members will be held during the Sunday morning masses on May 20, 2018 at the respective parishes.
 - b) Some nominations from the list were suggested for the Finance/Building committees. Mary Helen will email Father a list of those names to be forwarded to the current committee members.
- New Business:
- c) Combined meeting of the 4 parish pastoral councils-Father Ben asked Father Clare about holding a joint meeting to initiate a dialogue about the family of parishes. A tentative date and location of June 7th at 7:30 in Dublin was decided. Details will be sent out to the members via email.

7. Ministry Update (Karen D)
 - the Core Team is growing in number and spirituality.
 - Gospel dramatization on Good Friday was good
 - the last COR weekend was once again very successful
 - Confirmation retreat will be held on May 17th, confirmation at St. James May 27th
 - First Communion retreats were very successful
 - recently had 21 teens out to a road hockey tournament, plan to hold another one
 - children's choir has started at St. Pat's
 - going to Festival of Praise on Friday at SMCSS
 - Girls' group at St. Columban school (gr. 7/8), talked to Father P Beneteau about leading a retreat to do with the boys and follow up visits

8. Parish Nurse Update-Esther was not in attendance, but it was decided that she should be invited to share an update at the next meeting as she will be finished with her parish nurse program at that time.

9. Next Meeting:
 1. Date – September 6, 2018
 2. Location – Dublin
 3. Opening Prayer – Mary Helen
 4. Closing Prayer - Christine**Refreshments to follow**

10. Closing Prayer: Lindsay