

# St. Agnes Parish, Annual General Meeting

## Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2019

### Attending:

Fr. Aleks, Deacon Ed MacIntosh, Teresa Milton (Chair), Tony Maruna, Jamie Jewer, Judy Kerr, Anne McKellar, Ronnie Mendonsa, Tammy Middleton, Theophile Ossinga, Aaron Stemmler, Helen Cipriano, Eva Huschilt, Jake Huschilt, Marilynne Feeney, Bob Feeney, Julie Nafziger

### Introduction and Minutes

Father Aleks led the opening prayer at 7:55 p.m. (the Lord's Prayer).

Teresa Milton, Pastoral Council Chair, introduced the Agenda and distributed the minutes from the June 21, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

MOTION: to accept the 2018 meeting minutes as distributed- motioned by Julie Nafziger, seconded by Judy Kerr. PASSED

### AGM Reports

Teresa Milton distributed the AGM reports: a report each from Parish Council, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women's League, Communications & Mission Possible, Office Administration, Parish Spiritual Report, and one report on "Quiet Groups" summarizing Altar Servers, Ushers, Prayer Networks, Sacristy ladies, Canadian Rosary Brigade. The reports will not be published on the website, but will be available on request from the office.

Teresa thanked Father Aleks for all he does for St. Agnes Parish.

It was noted that the Pastoral Council could benefit from representatives from each school, and also a Hospitality Convener. Suggestions are welcome.

Teresa Milton noted that last year was a very busy year for the parish. She thanked Hugh McMahon and Steven McEvoy for their service to Pastoral Council over the last two years.

Thanks to Anne McKellar and all the volunteers in the St. Vincent de Paul society. The St. Agnes conference has been helping an average of 25 families each month.

The CWL has 163 members at our parish. Thanks go to Julie Nafziger, current CWL President.

Thanks to Elizabeth Ingle for leading the Communications and Mission Possible initiatives, including social media and a number of parish social events.

Many thanks to Judy Kerr, who prepared the Office Administration and the Parish Spiritual reports. She noted that 1900 families participate in some way at our parish.

Marilynne Feeney prepared the report on several of the quieter groups which support our parish. Father Alex added that we have a Padre Pio group that meets the third Friday of each month, consisting of 10 to 15 people. Ronnie Mendoza added thanks for the leaders and members of the choirs. Eva Huschilt added thanks for the Prayer Shawl group. There was discussion that these groups in the parish could be invited to submit annual reports and/or participate in the Annual General Meeting. Teresa and Father will discuss this.

## **Financial Report**

Tony Maruna presented the 2018 summary Financial Report. He noted that this also was presented at Pastoral Council and to the parish. He distributed the report at the meeting. Tony noted that 2018 was a financial success, especially the construction projects at the church where \$111,000 was spent. He thanked Father Aleks and the other members of the financial team at the parish.

Tony noted that revenue has been stable over the last several years. Church expenditures have gone down slightly over this time and there has been careful financial management to achieve this.

He noted that the church bells are being repaired in 2019.

St. Agnes now has a cash reserve (and no debt). This provides contingency funds for unexpected repairs, as well as funds for maintenance or planned projects that will need to be done.

There was a question about the diocesan capital fundraising campaign that is coming up ("One Heart One Soul"). Tony noted there have already been 3 or 4 meetings with the Diocese and local churches. The diocese has identified the need for this fundraiser to help struggling parishes, and to support some key projects for example, university outreach, prisons, and migrant workers. Professional fundraisers have been hired by the diocese to help each parish. St. Agnes will be doing our part in 2020.

## **Pastor's Comments**

Father Aleks thanked the finance committee and noted that they keep everything running very well.

Father thanked Teresa Milton for all she does leading the Pastoral Council.

He noted that the rich life of our parish community was highlighted by the reports, reminding us of all the great things and activities at our parish. He asked that all

reflect on this and think about how best to let parishioners know about all these things.

Father spoke about his experiences visiting seniors in our parish; they are wonderful resources and we should all remember them.

He gave special thanks to Hugh McMahon, and all the other participants, for all the successes of the church renovations. And Father thanked all present for their contributions.

## **Elections**

Elections were held by paper ballot. The results were:

At-Large Positions: Aaron Stemmler and Jamie Jewer elected

Youth At-Large Position: Theophile Ossinga elected.

MOTION: to accept the results of the vote and to destroy the ballots- motioned by Jamie Jewer, seconded by Theophile Ossinga. PASSED

## **Closing**

Jake Huschilt mentioned that thanks go to Jim Heidmiller for all he does at the parish.

Teresa Milton closed the meeting by thanking the diocese for past financial assistance. The upcoming diocesan fundraiser will be our opportunity to help others in the diocese the way we have been helped in the past. There was a round of applause to Teresa.

Father Alex led the closing prayer (Glory Be).

Minutes by Tammy M.