

Notre Dame Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024
6:00pm (via zoom)

Present: Fr. Vener, Donna Blocka, Kevin Blocka, JC Zozobrado, Jibin Jacko, Colleen Richard
Regrets: Carol Handfield
Non-Voting: Recording Secretary – Yvonne Becotte
Finance – Pauline Gerwien

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener

Fr. Vener welcomed new members to the council: JC Zozobrado (representing the Philippine Community); Jibin Jacko (representing the Syro-Malabar Indian Community); Colleen Richard (ND School Principal) and Kevin Blocka (representing the Knights of Columbus)

2. Approval of the Agenda. Motioned by Donna B. seconded by Fr. Vener. Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2024, Motioned by Fr. Vener, seconded by Donna B. Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5 b) Date for K.C. Meeting has been changed to September 12

5. Reports:

a. CWL – Pauline Gerwien read report received from Carol Handfield

- very saddened by the passing of Bridget (Birdie) Phillips, a faithful member of CWL for 64 years. We were able to pay our respect for her with an honour guard at her funeral
- our first meeting of the year will be in October, but we will still do ministries on the third Sunday (CWL) of September
- Pauline Gerwien and myself will attend the mid-term meeting in October in Prince George
- our hope always is to encourage more ladies to join and to have current ones attend meetings and become involved. There is much we can do in the parish with an active group.

b. KC – Kevin Blocka

- not much to report as council has been inactive for summer months
- first meeting is on Thursday, September 12

c. School Liaison – Colleen Richard

- we currently have 201 students
- 21 staff members
- On Friday, our first school prayer (Grade 4) will be at 9:00am – everyone is welcome to attend
- Sunday, September 15 is staff commissioning at 11:00am Mass
- Meet the teachers is on September 19
- Terry Fox Run is September 27 and Orange Shirt Day in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day
- First Virtue Awards will be October 4
- First School Mass will be October 11
- Living Rosary – October 18

- Andrew Seabrook will be coming to discuss pension with staff members in October

d. Community Life – Fr. Vener

- September 20 – senior’s lunch immediately following 11:00am mass

- Continuing to take the Eucharist to shut-in, the hospital and a resident at Rotary Manor

e. Finance – Pauline Gerwien

- report attached

Motioned by Donna B., seconded by Jibin J. that the reports be accepted as presented.

Carried.

6. New Business

a. Welcome Members

- Fr. welcomed new members after Opening Prayer

b. PPC Decree

- Fr. emailed PPC Decree out and noted that the Parish Pastoral Council will meet 6 times a year and that the pastor will always be at the meetings which will be via Zoom

c. Sacramental Preparation Program & Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

- 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist – 26

- Confirmation – 19

- OCIA (RCIA) - 3

d. Pastoral Initiatives & Programs

- Syro-Malabar – we would like more members of this community to do ministries

- Philippine – members involved in the two choirs, lectors, EMHC, Simbang Gabi (9-day Novena Masses before Christmas). Santo Nino (Holy Child Jesus) will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in January

- Knowing Jesus and His Life is faith program meets every third Thursday of the month

- Form.org – is available for free to everyone to choose what program they wish

- El Shaddai – Catholic renewal movement (charismatic program) meets last Saturday of each month for prayer and worship.

- all these programs are open to everyone

7. Next Meeting: December 10, 2024, at 6PM via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener