

Notre Dame Parish  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2024  
6:00pm (via zoom)

Present: Fr. Vener, Yvonne Becotte, Pauline Gerwien, Donna Blocka  
Gregg Apolonio, Carol Handfield

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener
2. Approval of the Agenda -Motioned by Carol H. seconded by Yvonne B. Carried.
3. Approval of the Minutes of December 12, 2023 Meeting. Motioned by Yvonne B, seconded by Donna B. Carried.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes - 6c - date was changed to January 19 from date on minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>.
5. Reports:
  - a. CWL - Pauline Gerwien**
    - 29 members
    - National mails are now forwarded to Parish level - trying to forward to members
    - Christmas Cards were mailed to members along with Prayer Card to Our Lady of Good Counsel
    - March 17 will be soup and bun after mass with money that is donated will be sent to Development and Peace
    - will be sending out email asking for volunteers to make soup or buns
    - March 1 is World Day of Prayer @ Salvation Army. We have not received any information yet.
  - b. KC - Gregg Apolonio**
    - 6 new members in December and 4 more in January.
    - April 14 will be Pancake Breakfast
    - Meeting in April will be April 9
    - Gaming grant was increased from \$13,000 to \$14,600 which will give more funds to be donated
    - pouches for first communion candidates have been ordered

### **c. School Liaison - Pauline Gerwien**

- currently have 212 students
- Duncan Malkinson will be doing up 5-year plan
- Shrove pancake breakfast was on Friday as the intermediate students were going skiing on Tuesday (day before Ash Wednesday)
- March 18 - 29 is Spring Break

### **d. Community Life - Yvonne Becotte**

- 19 of our young children are continuing with classes for First Holy Communion which will be on April 21
- First Communion and Confirmation classes will be finished on March 16

### **e. Finance - Pauline Gerwien**

- report attached

Motioned by Gregg A., seconded by Donna B. that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

## 6. New Business

### **a. Lent and Easter Celebrations**

- Dates and info have been posted on our website as well as on Facebook

March 15 - Parish Reconciliation Service @ 6:30pm

March 20 - Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George @ 7:00pm

Holy Week:

Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday - 11:00am Mass

Holy Thursday (Celebration of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet) 7:30pm

Good Friday -Way of the Cross @ 2:00pm followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil @ 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - 10:00am Mass

- Individual and Family Ways of the Cross can be prayed Tuesday - Friday from 9:00am - 12:00pm; Sundays - 9:00am - 12:00pm

### **b. Membership Representation**

- expand members to Pastoral Council

(Filipino; East Indian). If you know any one you can nominate them, letting Fr. Vener know their names.

**c. Ministry to Migrants**

- coordinate religious activities for everyone such as yearly dinner and welcoming new parishioners.

**d. Ministry to the elderly and the sick**

- would like to re-convene this Ministry to the sick and shut ins  
- currently have 6 who have completed the Pastoral Care program (nine-week course done on Zoom). Coordinated by Diocese of Victoria. Next one will be running in the Fall.  
- if visiting in a home setting, there should be two people. If in hospital, only one is necessary (there are other people around in hospital; therefore, you are not alone with the person)

7. Next Meeting: April 9, 2024 at 6PM

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:37pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener