

Assumption & Resurrection Parishes
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 February 2016

Members Present: Fr. Mitch Fidyka, Lynn Smarsh, Janet Campbell, Helen Gledhow, Marcel Arcand, Miles Berry, Andrew Nelson, Nora Parker

Opening Prayer: Miles Berry

Minutes: Miles Berry

Agenda: accepted as amended

Minutes for 1 Dec 2015

Amendment: remove \$30,000 figure as cost was not accurate

Amendment: remove note about World Youth Day envelopes

Amendment: correct spelling Austin O'Brien

Minutes accepted as amended

	Minute	Action Requested
1.	Sacramental Preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45 youth for First Communion and Reconciliation• April 17 is First Communion Masses• May 15, 930am mass for Confirmation has 20 youth scheduled at Assumption.• RCIA – all potential candidates invited to make contact with pastoral team. PPC members invited to reflect on making candidates welcome.	•
2.	World Youth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fund Raising:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mardi Gras Night was a huge sold-out success.○ Thanks to all participants, including Knights of Columbus for manning the Kitchen and all parishioners who brought pot-luck deserts, and Father Mitch for silent Auction paintings.• Poster was created to put faces to names of pilgrims.	•
3.	Lenten Mission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archbishop Lavoie (Oblate) will be our guest for all masses.• Theme is Celebrating the Mercy of God. Evening talks are March 6-8 with March 8th having a short talk followed by Penitential Service.• Child care will be offered if people sign up.	PPC members strongly encouraged to attend
4.	Syrian Refugee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 year old woman arrived is studying to be a Pharmacist and adapting well.• Family of 4 arrived to a fully furnished suite thanks to efforts of many helpful volunteers. Father Mitch and the Parish is grateful for all the help.• The children have started school in January having	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ongoing</i>: Communicate information about the Syrian refugees to the parishes.• Suggest having a basket in living room with winter clothing.

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completed some pre-screening. Now attending Grades 3 and 7.

- Adults will start a set of orientation sessions which will earn them a certificate through Catholic Social Services.
- Volunteers are transporting families to the Maronite Church on a weekly basis.
- Still waiting on the last Syrian woman to arrive. We been informed since this meeting that she will not be arriving.
- Donations are still being sought. Rent is approx. \$1500/month for each suite. Expenses approx. \$40k for the family and \$35K for the adult woman.

- Syrian Family committee will plan and coordinate.
- Ensure they are invited to participate in all events at the parishes to meet the parishioners.
- Suggest events which are oriented to the Syrian culture.
- Suggest that those making donations be asked what is being donated and only choose those items that are needed.

5. **PPC Retreat**

- Suggested and agreed this may be worth considering.

TABLED. NORA to provide options and info

6. **Chairperson Report**

- Greater Hardisty Community Christmas Dinner will continue – next one will be Dec. 10, 2016. Lynn looking for new people to participate.
- ICPM Lunches dates set for May 22 and August 28 as joint parish efforts
- Miles attended Interfaith Ministry on Homelessness workshop and reported on this. More to come as this was broad-based community engagement discussion to begin.

- PPC members to pick up copy.
- PPC members expected to READ and DISCUSS at next meeting.

7. **Pastor Report**

- Father discussed some of the challenges currently presenting regarding the administration of twinned parishes.

- Place ministry schedules on the Parish web site. No personal information.

10. **Father's Blessing**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1 March, 2016 at 7:00pm at St. Michael's Hall

Opening Prayer: Helen Gledhow

Recorder of Minutes: David Gordon