

Assumption & Resurrection Parishes
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
7 June, 2016

Date: 7 June, 2016

Members Present: Fr. Mitch Fidyka, Lynn Smarsh, Helen Gledhow, Andrew Nelson, Nora Parker, David Gordon, Kevin McGoey, Marcel Arcand, Josee Marr, Janet Campbell, Brad Abercrombie, Justynea Kujawa

Regrets: Miles Berry, Justin Mahe

Opening Prayer: Andrew Nelson

Meeting Chair: Lynn Smarsh

Minutes: David Gordon

Agenda: accepted as amended

Minutes for 3 May, 2016

Amendment: 3. Youngest child received First Communion at the Maronite Parish.

Amendment: 3. Many documents are not accessible because of the fighting in Aleppo.

Amendment: 4.c Delete the 3rd point.

Minutes accepted as amended.

Introduction of new Council Member: Justyna Kujawa

Minute	Action Requested
<p>1. Plans for Skaro Pilgrimage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilgrimage on Sunday evening 14 August, 2016• 54 person bus chartered, cost \$20 per passenger.• There are extra cars available if more passengers attending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
<p>2. Sign up for Assumption Picnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assumption Picnic is scheduled for Sunday 21 August, 2016, the Sunday after the Skaro Pilgrimage. Delay due to the Skaro Pilgrimage being on a Sunday.• Signup sheet was circulated for council volunteers supporting the picnic.• Parishioners from both parish communities are invited to attend the picnic to celebrate Our Lady of Assumption.• There will be chairs available outside and tables downstairs in the hall.• Picnic will be downstairs if rain occurs.• Children activities will be available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nametags for the Council members is suggested.• Nametags for all picnic attendees is suggested.

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3. Report About Confirmation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation celebrated by Archbishop Smith went well. Children were well dressed and behaved well.• Rehearsal helped the children learn the procedure. Integrating the sacrament in the mass makes it special.• Next Confirmation is 4 June 2017 at Resurrection with Archbishop Smith.	•
4. St. Vincent de Paul Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed approach is to identify key members of the conference in the Bulletin. An invitation for parishioners to approach the key members to enquire about St. Vincent de Paul and its work. Interested persons will then be evaluated for membership.• A tentative schedule for identifying new members is proposed for the next couple of weeks.• 3 interested parishioners have already been identified.• Plan to start activities in the coming September	•
5. Report About Syrian Families <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The family members are proceeding with their English classes.• They have a car to enable them to move around.• Next step is to help them to find jobs.• Seema is looking wider but her experience is mainly academic.• They need immersion in English in order to improve their English skills to enable them to find work. Repair work in Sherwood Park was suggested as a possibility for volunteer work, not employment. Resume is available.	• Josee to compose an entry for the June, July, August Bulletins to request the Parish community to assist in finding employment for the Syrian Families.
6. Update on World Youth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The group held a retreat on Sunday 5 June that went well.• Members of the group have been involved in collecting enough money to send them to Poland and provide pocket money in Polish currency.• All are involved in the ministries of the Parishes. They are a special group of young people, beautiful people.• Upon their return, they will provide a presentation	• Provide a description in the Bulletin of the group attending the WYD.

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6.	<p>to both Parishes in September or October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have been a catalyst to help bring the two Parish communities together.
7.	<p>Report About the ICPM Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The luncheon held at the Bissell Centre on 15 May, 2016 was provided by the Parishes. It was very successful, although the day was rainy. There was a good turnout from both parishes. There was more than enough food. • Over 300 people attended with standing room only. • Volunteer sign up went well in both Parishes. Confirmation students also signed up and fulfilled their tasks. • Next ICPM Luncheon is 28 August, 2016.
8.	<p>Timeline for the Retreat and Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A retreat is to be scheduled for the Parish Council to be held in September or early October. • Some thoughts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How we are stewards of the faith. 2. The population of both Parishes is aging. Large group (late 70's to early 80's) need pastoral care. 3. Focus on faith dimension. Activities can flow from prayer. • After some discussion the following topics brought forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we involve the administration, the liturgy and other Parish committees? This may help to bring us together. 2. Formation of the Subcommittee. Members are: Nora, Janet, Josee and David. 3. Timing: Suggested length: 3 – 4 hours. Thursday 5 – 9 pm or Saturday morning. 4. Suggested format: mass, retreat activity and lunch. • Suggested location: Brad's acreage. <p>• The subcommittee is to send Lynn by the end of June, via e-mail, a statement of what the retreat is to achieve.</p>
9.	<p>Saying Goodbye to Two Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josee and Brad are leaving the Parish Council. • Thank you for their services to the Council and the Parishes.
10.	<p>Father's Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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10.
 - A great experience was had when Resurrection Parish hosted the mass for the evacuees from the Fort McMurray fire. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Paul Terrio, the Bishop of St. Paul. The parish was able to feed 500 at the end of mass. The Parish shared their hospitality, compassion and generosity. A beautiful response.

11. **Father's Blessing**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 September, 2016 at 7:00pm

Chair: Lynn Smarsh

Opening Prayer:

Recorder of Minutes: David Gordon