

St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

March 13, 2019

In Attendance:

Beyea, Dianne
Burns, Fr. Owen
Carvell, Trinda
Connors, Michele

Glasgow, Mary Alice
Howe, Marilyn
Little Peter
MacDonald, Mike

McGrath, Lawrence
Stroud, Anne
Vienneau, Ben

Absent:

(Wendy Ellis has decided to no longer attend PPC meetings unless she is requested to attend a particular meeting. Although there has been a tradition of having the Religious Education Coordinator attend Council meetings, she is not a member of PPC.)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michele Connors at 7:15pm.

The opening prayer was led by Trinda Carvell

The minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), were approved on a motion by Lawrence McGrath and seconded by Mary Alice Glasgow.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

New Business

1. **Formation of a PPC Elections Committee:** Our "Constitution and By-Laws" document states that "An Election Committee shall be formed in March of each year and be responsible for accepting nominations and running the election." (Article III, Section 2). It has been the practice of Council that those members who will be completing their terms form the Elections Committee; in this case, those members are Trinda Carvell, Mike MacDonald, Mary Alice Glasgow and Marilyn Howe. All four of these members agreed to serve on the committee.
2. **Review and discussion of PPC By-laws:** The *Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark's Parish Council* was approved and adopted on March 27, 1990 and has never been updated. St. Mark's Parish is undergoing a period of revitalization and transformation and our current Council members were unanimous in their belief that our PPC also needs to change. Our challenge is to determine what type of PPC we want for our parish. Members are hopeful that the upcoming Strategy Workshop being held on March 30 (in which many of them will participate), will help to clarify this.

In the open discussion which followed, many members expressed their desire to continue to serve the parish, but they also wish to make a more effective use of their talents. Members have benefited from the reading Council has undertaken as part of our continuing education: *Divine Renovation, Re-Built and Divine Renovation Apprentice*. Some members have also attended Alpha, and the program has offered them a new perspective about building disciples and about the use of their own talents.

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Council members were of the consensus that it would be better for PPC members to be selected through a process of prayer and discernment, rather than through elections.

Motion: That the *Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark's Parish Council* be amended to remove the requirement for Council to be an elected body.

Moved by: Michele Connors

Seconded by: Trinda Carvell

By-laws affected: Article III-Nomination and Election, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4; Article IV-Vacancy, Section 1; Article VI-Executive Committee, Section 3

In accordance with Article IX-Changes, Section 1, this motion will be voted on at the April 10, 2019 meeting of PPC.

Motion: That the *Constitution and By-Laws of St. Mark's Parish Council* be amended to change the number of Council members from fourteen (14) (which includes 2 positions reserved for Senior High School Students) to a minimum of eight (8) members .

Moved by: Marilyn Howe

Seconded by: Peter Little

By-laws affected: Article III-Nomination and Election, Section 1, 2

In accordance with Article IX-Changes, Section 1, this motion will be voted on at the April 10, 2019 meeting of PPC.

Update from Parish Support Team (PST): Michele stated that an e-mail with details of the strategy workshop being held on March 30 has been sent to all invitees. Hours are to be from 9am until no later than 4pm. Lunch will be provided. The workshop will be held at the Germain Street office of our facilitator, Tanya Chapman, in Saint John. Invitees will receive another e-mail prior to the workshop with a few questions to consider. Ben and Trinda indicated that they are unable to attend the workshop.

Michele advised Council that a fundraising policy for the parish has been prepared. PST will look at the policy and share it with PPC once it has been approved.

Discussion: *Divine Renovation Apprentice: Section 2 "Creating a Game Plan", pages 77-135:* All members shared their thoughts about the areas/issues in Section 2 that they found most impactful.

The closing prayer was led by Peter Little.

Our next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on April 10, 2019 at 7:15pm in Room 1. As Anne will be unable to attend, Mary Alice volunteered to take the minutes.