



CATHEDRAL OF THE  
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## **Holy Family Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 27, 2018**

Attendance: Bernie Klein, Fr. Ephraim Mensah, Jacquie Anderson, Wendy Dale, Michael Collins, Naty Mathews, Tyler Wist, David Polzen, Carol Grant, Fr. Deyre Azcuna, Faye Santos-Vargas, Simone Mann

Absent: Kristin Yasinski, Mary Wrubleski

Opening Prayer: Prayer to the Holy Family

Meeting Opening by Chair: Bernie Klein

Additions to agenda: Under New Business added point 3 and 4.

Corrections / Errors from October 30, 2018, PPC meeting: None.

Business arising from past October meeting:

1. Congratulations to Fr. Ephraim. He was installed as the rector of the Cathedral on November 18, 2018.
2. Enchanted Forest Walk-Thru, Friday, November 16, 2018 report:
  - a. Hot chocolate served to 180-185 people.
  - b. Information given to visitors regarding our parish, church building, and mass times.
3. Diocesan Congress Day November 15, 2018 report:
  - a. Bishop outlined things he is interested in developing in the diocese.
4. Parish Finance Committee PAG campaign report:
  - a. Finance committee appreciated input of parish council.
  - b. 30 increased PAG, 6 new PAG.
  - c. Presentation by Denis Sirois was well received by the parish.

New Business.

1. Review and discussion re: Diocese of Saskatoon Guidelines for "Parish Pastoral Council" & "Parish Finance Council":
  - a. The pastor is the leader of the council and the council members are the advisors to the pastor.
  - b. PPC meetings are open meetings. Anyone can attend but cannot vote.
  - c. Relationships clarified by Fr. Ephraim. PPC is an autonomous body which communicates with other parish groups and parish finance council. Finance



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council is also an autonomous body within the parish. Bernie Klein has been appointed and has a full voting seat.

- d. Should we allow a portion of the meeting for spiritual reflection, faith formation, and/or praxis formation? It can be a point of bringing us together and finding a way to serve the parish. Discussion held, and consensus was that this area can be improved upon.
  - e. There are various and other definite areas we can reflect on within the document and PPC Council can improve upon.
2. Review & discussion with Fr. Ephraim about his view on parish priorities:
- a. It will take time for him to observe and learn every aspect of the church and parishioners. Fr. Ephraim is relying on PPC to provide information about parish priorities, to be his consultative voice. He will consider legitimate desires of parishioners as represented by PPC.
  - b. Spiritual reflection, faith formation, praxis by PPC. For example, some parishes have a period of silence at beginning of each meeting for reflection and prayer.
  - c. Homework for PPC: Fr. Ephraim invites members to prayerfully consider parish priorities. Particularly spiritual pastoral gaps. To present items that will bring growth to the community of faith. Direct your thoughts to David Polzen or Bernie Klein and they along with Fr. will consolidate and present at next meeting. This should be done within a week so as not to be forgotten about.
  - d. Discussion ensued. Questions asked: Do we need to approach people and invite them to tell us what they would like to see? How do we become unified in our approach to our rituals? It was consensus that there needs to be direction given by the Bishop on rituals, gestures and norms so that all areas of the churches in the Diocese show a unified approach instead of many different actions. How do we communicate with the parish the spiritual and faith activities in an all-inclusive planned, informative manner?
3. Simone requested that we be informed about the parish's current unmet goals( goals that have been addressed in the past and not yet complete (ex. New ministries, the nativity set, organ etc.)
4. Remembering the deceased: Presented by Michael Collins.
- a. Suggested that on All Souls Day we hold a Mass for all parishioners/ personnel that have died in the last year. A memorial card and flower to represent each parishioner on a table in front of the altar with a candle lit by the family. Families of the deceased would be personally be invited to participate, and a time of fellowship would be held following the Mass.
5. Training for new volunteers will be held in January.



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6. Discussion regarding December meeting. Decision made that since the next meeting would fall on Christmas Day that it would be cancelled.

**Next Meeting: January 29, 2018 07:00 pm**