

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 22nd 2012

The 2012 St. Vincent de Paul Parish Annual General Meeting was held in the Lower Hall of McKenna Auditorium on Sunday, April 22nd following the 10:45 am Mass. Lunch was served and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm: by Donna Winter, with 47 parishioners attending the meeting.

1. **Welcome** – Donna Winter, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, welcoming all present for the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

2. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Gerry lead all present in the opening Prayer

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Randy Schiller moved adoption of the revised agenda for the 2012 Annual General Meeting, seconded by Vic Plante. Carried.

4. **Minutes of 2011 Annual General Meeting**

Sandra Marcotte reported an error in the 2011 Annual Report – Questions arising from the minutes # 8 should read “Sandra Marcotte inquired as to the possibility of making the church basement wheel chair accessible”.

Motion: Marilyn Schuck moved acceptance of the minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting as amended, Sandra Marcotte seconded. Carried.

5. **Summary of Pastor’s Report** – Fr. Gerry Bauche - Please refer to the report in the 2012 Annual General Meeting Report.

6. **Chair person’s report** – Donna Winter - please refer to the report in the 2012 Annual General Meeting

7. **Review of 2011 Financial Report and the 2012 Budget** Darrell Yakimowski, Finance Chairperson reviewed the 2011 Financial report.

Motion: Darrell Yakimowski made a motion to accept the audited 2011 Financial Statement as amended, seconded by Jerry Jordens. Carried.

Darrell Yakimowski presented the 2012 budget, which included a few amendments.

Motion: Darrell Yakimowski made a motion to accept the amended 2012 Budget, seconded by Vic Plante. Carried.

8. **Questions arising from the Financial Statement**

Stan Zaluski questioned deleting the Special Fund Accounts which includes a Refugee fund, wondering if the parish would be financially prepared to help a Refugee family, Darrell explained that as we go through the budget we will see that there is an expense account budgeted for a Refugee family.

Ron Klein questioned the Accounts Receivable amounts, Darrell explained that it was just some invoices that had not yet be paid for.

Camille Goski questioned the fact that the youth budget had been reduced from previous year – Darrell, explained that some of the items requested were capital expenses that would not come out of the youth budget and that they are not budgeting for refreshments. Discussion regarding the same.

- **A motion** was made by Vic Plante, that \$1000.00 be included in the youth budget for refreshments, seconded by Birnie Kot. Carried.
- **An Amended motion** was made by Vic Plante to include \$2000.00 in youth budget for refreshments, seconded by Birnie Kot. Carried.

9. Old Business arising from 2011 AGM

1) Placement of the Tabernacle in more central place in the main church – Fr. Gerry sent a letter to Archbishop Dan Bohan requesting permission to move the Tabernacle to a more central place, the Archbishop suggested Fr. Gerry consult Fr. Andre, Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese, after doing so Fr. Andre made some suggestions, now waiting for word from Chancellor Fr. Tonny Dizey, C Fr Gerry will bring this to their attention again them this week.

2) Reverence in church – has been discussed at parish council and feel space is limited and important to greet & welcome people - silence is difficult to achieve because of the layout of the church.

3) Twinning of parish with missionary parish in Mexico or Caribbean – Danette Tracey & Tristen Crooks spoke briefly explaining that former parishioner and member of Social Justice committee Corilynn McIvor had looked into this and found that it appears to be a complicated process and did not obtain a great deal of the information that were hoping for.

Sandra Marcotte, questioned as to whether we could work with Philippine, East Indian or Mexican community as we have many immigrants from those areas in our parish - Fr. Gerry explained that they do not all come from the exact same area, so it would be hard to choose one over another as they are probably all in need.

Marilyn Schuck spoke of attending other parishes that were doing fundraisers for parishes in need and spoke of northern missions in need of help, explaining that the CWL has a link with Sr. Bernadette Fiest

Jerry Jordens questioned whether parish council had considered donating to the new hospital fund in Weyburn, Donna explained that it had been talked about.

4) Social Events in the parish (Coffee Hour after Mass)

- Suggested to have coffee outside the church - lots of ideas but no volunteers to take on the project.

5) Kitchen expansion at McKenna

A letter was received suggesting that more room is needed in the dish-wash area of the McKenna and wanting council to approve an expansion of that area.

Darrell suggested that a committee be formed to look into the feasibility of doing this, Vic Plante, Calvin Tracey, Ed Mazer, Josie Klein, Fr. Gerry will sit on the committee, Brian Winter and Denis Tremblay will be contacted to see if they will also sit on the committee.

Josie spoke as to why she feels it is important to have more storage area, explaining that when the fire department does an expansion they do not approve of the many items being stored on the stage and Josie feels there is nowhere else to keep the items.

11. **New Business:** - (As the meeting was beginning to run a little longer than had hoped, not a great deal of time was spent discussing the points below - perhaps another occasion would be better served.)

1) Acknowledgement of Volunteers (new system by Beth Weger)
- regarding the hall, they feel that the new system of organizing volunteers for hall events is going much better.

2) Promotion of Good Stewardship among younger families
Fr. Gerry spoke on challenges of bringing the youth to Mass even though they are involved in Sacramental prep

3) Enhancing Liturgical Celebrations of the Eucharist – looking for suggestions on how to have parishioners respond better and be more vibrant with responses at mass

4) Pastoral Outreach to shut-ins, new immigrants, retirees
- open to suggestions on this matter.

11. Nominations:

Nominations Committee Report / Election

Tristen Crooks & Wendy Sidloski have both completed a 2 year term and have both accepted another 2 year term.

Wendy Pitre has completed 1 year of her 2 year term and will stay on for the remainder of her term.

Donna Winter has completed 2 – 2year terms, **Kim McIvor** has moved away, **Roman Castro** and **Ray Ball** due to personal reasons are no longer able to carry out council duties

Leslie Richards was nominated by Tristen Crooks and seconded by Paula Reich; **Vic Plante** was nominated by Mary Ann Flaaten and seconded by Donna Winter; **Calvin Tracey** was nominated by Darrell Yakimowski and seconded by, John Nikolejsin.

Donna Winter was nominated by Randy Schiller and seconded by, Wendy Pitre,

Motion; Randy Schiller made a motion to cease motions to nominations, seconded by Tristen Crooks. Carried.

Donna Winter and Vic Plante have each been declared elected for a 2 year term and Calvin Tracey & Leslie Richards have each been declared elected for a 1 year term.

12. Thank you to Parish Pastoral Council Members

- Vote of appreciation and thanks to those outgoing members: Ray Ball, Roman Castro & Kim McIvor.

13. Closing Prayer

14. Adjournment at 2:25 pm