

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND WARDENS MEETING – 15 June 2021

Present: Sharon DiFruscia, Maria Lanni, Linda Pefanis,
Christina Sabbagh, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Laura Lorenzetti, Ken Saldanha,
John Dike, Nives Degano, Marline Evoy, Ursula Mora Farmer

Regrets: Anna Diodati, Fr. Lloyd, Paul Perrault, Paul Wong, Lana Cochrane,
Nadine Hurst, Andre Cartier, Patrick Laurin

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Chair followed by the Opening Prayer offered by Linda.

Approval of Agenda – **Motion to approve:** Maria **Seconded:** Ken

Approval of Minutes – **Motion to approve:** Laura **Seconded:** Christina

Business

Ken was introduced and then he introduced the Wardens, present and new members. Marline and Nives presented themselves. After which the Parish Council members did the same.

Ken then recognized Patrick, Nadine and Andre for their contributions to the Parish.

The question of how to revitalize the Parish and how to bring Christ out to the many after Covid was discussed. Covid forced us to find technologies that would accomplish this task and help parishes operate more efficiently. These would help to bring St. Monica out to the community.

The state of the current data base for the Parish List allowed the Wardens to find new data bases that would allow for a multitude of functions. Currently three new data bases will be used: Breeze, a cloud based platform; Notion – where documents will reside and Slack – a communication platform for e-mails. Training on these will begin on 28 June with a view to launching them in August.

The next task will be to use this technology to reach out to parishioners and for them to respond directly.

It is essential that we leverage technology to operate efficiently as we come out of the pandemic. What will we continue, start and stop. With the possibility that if Anna returns, she will probably have a lighter load so we will have to find ways of continuing her work.

Sharon suggested that a member of the parish should sit on the NDG Community Council. This would be one way to link the greater community with St. Monica's. The question remains as to how to get the questionnaire out to parishioners and get responses back. Even with all the work that has been done to update the Parish List, it is far from completed and far from having all the information we would like.

Paul Perrault was thanked for all the work he did to create a Parish Survey that addresses the needs of the Parish. We appreciate and thank Paul for his 3 years of dedication to the Parish Council.

Fr. Ray then spoke about St. Monica's Parish Pastoral and Missionary Report 2021.

It is clear that people are returning to the Parish but with reduced commitment due to exigent circumstances. One fact Fr. Ray mentioned was that not enough people are aware of St. Monica's FaceBook page and using it effectively.

Sharon again suggested that Town Hall meetings would be a valuable way to reach people directly and get their input as to how we as a Parish can meet their needs.

A Closing Prayer was offered by Sharon

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.