

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 18 May 2021

Present: Sharon DiFruscia, Maria Lanni, Linda Pefanis, Christina Sabbagh, Fr. Lloyd, Paul Perrault. Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Laura Lorenzetti, Marcelle Lord
Regrets: Anna Diodati,

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

Approval of Agenda – **Motion to approve:** Fr. Lloyd **Seconded:** Maria
Approval of Minutes – **Motion to approve:** Laura **Seconded:** Fr. Lloyd

Business

Marcelle Lord was invited to speak about the Food Pantry. However, as Marcelle did not know Laura and Christina, they each introduced themselves and talked about their involvement in St. Monica's. Laura talked about her involvement with Restorative Justice.

Marcelle's involvement with the Food Pantry began in 2015 under Deacon Dennis. When he could no longer continue, Marcelle took over managing the Food Pantry. Covid dramatically changed how the Food pantry operated. Where families would come, register and pick up their allotment of food, the system had to adapt to the restrictions of Covid.

Now instead of coming in person, Marcelle has restructured the procedure. Serving around 45 people, Marcelle contacts them and determines their needs. The packages are then delivered, giving Marcelle an opportunity to visit with them.

Another major change was the annual collection and distribution of Christmas packages organized by the students and teachers at the Villa Marie. This year the students and teachers collected the food and delivered them personally. This was greatly successful. The students loved the new arrangement and Marcelle plans to continue this tradition in the future.

The Food Pantry has also assisted families acquiring items they need other than food. Sharon suggested that the Parish Council be notified if our assistance is needed.

Laura asked if the bakers in the parish could contribute homebaked goods at Christmas time and this suggestion was welcomed.

Marcelle plans to retain this method of food distribution going forward. She has also increased the area the food bank now covers Girouard on the east to Westminster.

The Wardens will be invited to join the PC Meeting in June.

Sharon asked if the Chancellery has sent out the new deconfinement changes. Fr. Ray says that as of 31 May, 100 people are allowed in churches and this will change to 250 in June.

Parish Reboot working group suggested that a Town Hall meeting be considered as a way to inform and discuss parishioners' needs. These could take place in various formats for in person to Zoom meetings. Sharon will present these suggestions to the Reboot group.

The Parish list campaign is making progress.

The next PC meeting will be held jointly with the Wardens. Sharon will send the invitation. It was also suggested that the PC and Wardens have a retreat day sometime in September.

Associate Pastor's Report

Fr. Lloyd reported that there are 2 weddings being planned and 2 baptisms.

Pastoral Associate's Report

No report was available.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 15 June 2021

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.