

**Transition Team Meeting  
July 27, 2019 9 am - 12 noon  
St. Alphonsus Church, Bridgetown**

Present: Judy Griffith, Andy Webster, Chuck Mills, Tom Porter, Laura Joyce, Eric Brown, Father John, Dane Berringer, Chris O'Hara, Leanne Jennings

Regrets: Pete Comeau

Facilitator: Judy Griffith-Coulombe

Opening Hymn: How Great is Our God ---Andy Webster

Opening prayer offered by Leanne Jennings – Reading from John 12:20-26

Approval, correction, acceptance of minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Moved by Dane seconded by Chuck, approved.

**Old Business:**

**Naming process:** The list of eight names selected at our last meeting will be presented to the 9 churches communities. Everyone is asked to submit their comments regarding the 8 finalists by Monday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. At the next meeting we are to decide on three names; noting an order of preference. These will then be forwarded to the Archbishop for selection and approval.

**Facility reports:** Fr. John will send out the Excel template for the facility report. Each of the team members agreed to send Tom the completed worksheet on facilities from our transition workbook, a written report on their facility, the completed Excel table and a short summary of the strengths and weaknesses of their respective church building by Tues., July 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom and Dane agreed to meet to compile and consolidate the results By the Aug 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Eric will forward the results to Tom after the St. Louis meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adoration July 18<sup>th</sup>:** All team members reported a positive response to the “All Church Adoration” and felt a similar one should be held in September, focusing again on the success of the transition. The Litany of our churches names from Windsor to Weymouth was a positive addition bring light to the size of our new parish.

**Finance sub-committee update:** Fr will be meeting with the various church reps and will give a follow-up at the next meeting with a full presentation from the finance committee on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

**A “Hub Model”:** With the declining number of priests and considering the geographical size of the parish, Andy proposed a hub model depicting 4 centers with satellite churches and communities. Discussion followed siting various pros, cons and options. Chris reminded us not to get side tracked on the location of the office but focus on what the new parish will look like, and how it will benefit all the churches with increase of resources for ministry, evangelization etc.

**Video from Equip the Saints:** Leanne presented an audio excerpt from one of Archbishop Mancini’s videos;

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X51LVs4stq\\*&t=207s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X51LVs4stq*&t=207s))

In this section, he outlines the reasons for the formation of new parishes and Where to focus our efforts. The suggestion was made that the team revisit the video in the near future and perhaps present it to members of their church community.

Discussion followed the video focusing on Service of Discipleship and Adult Faith Formation. Leadership roles need to be discussed in all our churches.

**Roundtable report on Ministries and Evangelization Workbook Section:** With various time constraints, everyone was not prepared to give a full report on this part of the workbook. Each spoke about some aspects of the ministries in their church and steps towards evangelization. Discussion followed regarding pre-evangelization, small group prayer meetings, stations of the cross, ministries for mass, Food Bank assistance, and mission focus. Those who had written reports gave them to Leanne. Others are to forward them to her. She will work with other team members to consolidate the information. It was apparent that we need leadership training in our churches. “Strength Finders” could be a tool used to assist in this area. There as also a mention of job descriptions for each of the ministries trying to have some uniformity throughout the parish.

**Check-in questionnaire:** The check-in questionnaire was distributed at the last meeting. Leanne is still waiting for some of the material to arrive. Once she has all of the documentation she will write a short summary of her findings.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Aug 17 –Berwick 9-12-commmplete naming process  
Aug 24th- Middleton 9-12  
Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>- Berwick 12-3pm  
Sept 21- all day session 9-4 pm  
Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – TBA –Berwick not available

Meeting closed and adjourned at 12 noon with Transition Prayer.