

Transition Team Minutes

Oct. 19th, 2019

Attendance: Fr. John, Judy Griffith-Coulombe, Leanne Jennings, Andy Webster, Pete Comeau, Chuck Mills, Lynn Main, Laura Joyce

Regrets: Deacon Don, Eric Brown, Fr. Raymond

Facilitator: Leanne

Song: led by Andy

Reading: by Leanne

Reflection: by Judy

Prayer: the Transition Prayer

Minutes from Sept. 21st were not reviewed. It was agreed that team members would review them online to make corrections as needed. Any changes to the Sept 21 minutes were to be sent to Judy by Oct 25th.

Old Business:

Transition Team Report: Fr. John reported that there was no feedback on the Transition Team Report from the diocesan office yet. It was suggested that, while attending The Assembly of the People of God, we need to ask, "What's next" pursuant to our report. Fr. John confirmed that the steps are listed by the Bishop.

Oct. 5th focus group on branding: Discussion focused on the many positive outcomes from the meeting with Peter Moore. The format (posters to record, instead of note taking) was efficient and effective. Peter's frankness was appreciated. The result, which was outside all expectations, was an image and slogan that all judged to be true to the image we want for the new Corpus Christi Parish. To develop the crest to its final form, Peter will consult with one of his professional associates. The final result is expected by January 2020.

New Business:

Reformatting/Summarizing Report for general consumption; Discussing transition report with CLT's:

It was proposed that the report be taken to each of the CLT's to discuss for the purpose of presenting to the congregations. It was suggested that those meetings be facilitated by someone outside that community, and that a template could be used to focus and guide the committee as it works to produce a summarized and readable version of the report, probably in pamphlet form. To prepare the CLT's for this work, it was recommended that all members of CLT's should listen to the Archbishop's address in his "Lenten Series II", which would be posted on the website. It was also proposed that Fr. Mallon be invited to speak at a joint meeting of the CLT's of the western communities. People were also encouraged to attend the Assembly of the people of God or if unable view the live streaming on Friday evening and possibly Sat am.

Living Your Strengths results: It was decided that each Transition Team rep would forward the results of the Strength Finders tests to Fr. John before the end of this month. Names of strengths, only, would be listed, and all in a single e-mail for each CLT. More details would be provided after the workshops have been completed.

First Nations Communities: Lengthy discussion focused on the importance of including our aboriginal communities in the Corpus Christi Parish. Past attempts to reach out to them were cited, all of which have been unsuccessful. Suggestions were made regarding possible new contacts and new approaches to meeting with them. We are hopeful that our renewed efforts may result in inclusion of these communities, at least on some level.

Bulletin: For the rest of our current contract with the printer, we will have a generic, unbranded cover from now until January 2020. It was suggested that following this date, the cover be redesigned to be a centerfold containing essential parish info and placed within the new newsletter style bulletin. Formatting for the bulletin will be done at the Digby office, with changes evolving gradually, until the publication of the new permanent bulletin begins, with its radically different content and look. The plan is for a communications person (probably a paid position) to receive submissions from the communities throughout the parish, and to produce an attractive, inviting publication whose appeal would reach beyond regular church-goers. It was also suggested that Pam Cosman, the secretary at Digby, might welcome the opportunity to be that person. New software could be purchased, with training for her on its applications. The new bulletin would be published on a bi-weekly basis.

Vision Prayer: The team requested that Fr. John submit an amendment or addendum to the report recommending that the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team revise the Vision Prayer (currently in use in the eastern communities) to reflect the intentions – and to foster a feeling of unity -- in our Corpus Christi Parish.

Other (Human Resources): Fr John reported that, as of the end of this month, only Kentville office and Digby office will employ secretaries. The other secretaries have been notified of their discontinuation, and have been offered severance packages. Each community will have an unpaid liason person. Duties still to be defined.

Next Meeting: Sat. Nov. 16. Middleton 9-12

Closing Prayer: by Fr. John and Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.