

**Sainte Anne Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2023**

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PPC Members Present: Father Augustin Vondou, Sister Pauline Fortin, Dr. Hilary Aroke, John Paul Bossé, Brian Carr, Vielka Diaz, Kirk Hassell, Barbara Hull, Dr. Vivienne Yumasi, and Piotr Goszczynski.

PPC Members Absent: Mamir Calaunan, Diane Charette, Njinyah Ciro, Jerome Kanoni, Francine Larivier, Laurent Lukanda, and Jay Ocio.

Parish Staff Present: Joseph Stella.

Parish Members Present: Connie Kirby, Alma Pelletier, Pat Furlong, George Furlong, Margaret Mary Singleton, Sharon O'Connell, Al Robidoux, and Gloria Matton.

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The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting of June 10, 2023, commenced at 5:08 P.M. Father Augustin opened the meeting with a prayer and thanked the PPC members for being present. He spoke about his recent vacation to Cameroon spending time with family and friends.

The PPC reviewed the minutes from the PPC meeting on March 11, 2023. Kirk Hassell moved to adopt the minutes, and Vielka Diaz seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted.

Old Business:

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A. Deaconate Ordination of John Tanyi

At the Deaconate Ordination of John Tanyi, the parish had representatives from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and the Cameroon Catholic Community. Dr. Hilary Aroke said that four meetings were held to organize the trip to the Cathedral in Boston, the Thanksgiving Mass at Ste. Anne, and the reception after the Mass. He added that the parish provided \$200 for the organization and presented Deacon John with an engraved crystal. Additionally, Dr. Aroke said that groups of the parish raised about \$5,000 for the reception and spent around \$3,000. Margaret Mary Singleton commented that the entire day went well.

B. Spiritual Library

Barbara Hall said that some great books have been donated to the library. The new shelf for the library needs to be assembled and a location needs to be found for the shelf within the church. Ms. Singleton will ask Father Augustin to review some books to determine whether they can be included in the library, and she also said that there is a light in the back of the church to assist parishioners with reading the books.

C. St. Vincent DePaul – Fundraiser Breakfast

Mr. Hassell presented an outline that broke down the costs of a pancake breakfast that would serve as a parish fundraiser for the St. Vincent DePaul society. St. Vincent DePaul provides various assistance to families and individuals living in Salem. Mr. Hassell said that the amount of money raised would depend on the price charged for a ticket. Dr. Hilary said that the Cameroon Catholic Community can assist with donating food and providing additional contributions for the fundraiser. The PPC discussed holding the fundraiser on a Sunday, but no definite time was established.

New Business:

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A. 10th Anniversary Special Memorial Mass for Father George Dufour

Connie Kirby is organizing a Memorial Mass to remember Father George Dufour, former pastor of Ste. Anne's. Ms. Kirby said that priests will be invited, including Father John Kiley and Father Alphonse. Joseph Stella will create a special musical program for the Mass. Additionally, Ms. Kirby said that a small reception will follow after the Mass in the church courtyard with cheese and crackers. Mr. Kirby will lead a committee to organize the Memorial Mass.

Al Robidoux said that Fr. George served as the pastor at Ste. Anne's for twenty-five years; Ms. Kirby said that Fr. George invited the Cameroon Community to the parish; and Mr. Stella described Fr. George as outgoing, generous, and a great fundraiser.

B. Grateful Discipleship

Brian Carr described Grateful Discipleship as a program available to parishes with a focus on time (devotion to attending Mass, praying, and attending spiritual events); talent (participation in parish activities, ministries inside and outside the parish); and treasure (encourages parishioners to give monetarily to the best of their ability). Mr. Carr added that the program is designed to the individual needs of a parish.

Father Augustin spoke about the Grateful Discipleship program and that its objectives include: increasing volunteer work within the parish, and to increase monetary contributions through collections. He said that experts can come to the parish to speak in greater detail about

the benefits of program. Moreover, Father Augustin spoke about the financial deficit facing the parish, but said that it can be addressed by an increase in monetary contributions by parishioners.

Dr. Hilary and Piotr Goszczynski said that there should be additional announcements to parishioners encouraging them to increase their monetary contributions to the parish. Dr. Hilary further discussed the need to have a campaign to encourage parishioners to increase their monetary contributions to the parish.

Mr. Hassell suggested that the bulletin have updates about the financial status of the parish (positive or negative revenue).

C. Miscellaneous

Ms. Kirby discussed that under the rules and regulations governing pastoral councils, some members of the PPC may have expired appointments. In response to her concerns, Dr. Hilary explained that the pastoral council was re-organized and expanded last year by Father Casmia and acknowledged the need for more parishioners to step up and serve. She and Dr. Hilary also discussed the concern that some PPC members have poor attendance at meetings. Ms. Kirby said that the parish may want to invite other parishioners to join the PPC.

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Fr. Augustin thanked the PPC members for their active participation at the meeting and discussed the importance of all PPC members being present at the meetings.

Fr. Augustin closed the meeting with a blessing. The meeting closed at 7:20 P.M. The next PPC meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 5 P.M.** at the Parish Pastoral Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Bossé, Ste. Anne PPC Secretary

Dr. Hilary Aroke, Ste. Anne PPC Chairperson