

**Annunciation of the Lord Parish AGM
Minutes of AGM Meeting on May 30, 2017**

The AGM Meeting took place on Tuesday May 30th, 2017 in the Parish Hall, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The number of attendees were approximately 62 individuals.

The Chair of the PPC could not attend the meeting. Fr. Yves appointed Armando Prini to Chair the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- Fr Yves Marchildon led the assembly in the Opening Prayer
- The Chair called for a review and approval of the Agenda. There were no amendments required. Approval by Richard O' Reilly and June Thibault

Pastor's Report

Fr. Yves opened with our Parish Mission as stated by our Founder: "To love God, love our neighbour and Make disciples."

- Father talked about Our Parish Vision → What we aspire to be:
- A Roman Catholic, Apostolic and Welcoming Community Of Missionary Disciples, Growing In The Love And Knowledge Of God, Joyfully Care For All In Need.
- 3 commandments of Jesus (love God and neighbour = holiness of life) (make disciples = missionary identity)
- Vision Plan & Strategies
- AoLP's attracts 1,000 households out of 3,000 in our community
- Large territory & many stakeholders
- Need focused liaison & collaboration with school boards & other stakeholders
- Evangelization is not currently a focused function with strong processes and practices i.e., needs organizational presence
- How we will accomplish our mission
- Vision statement in the making is from our Parish Missional statement, has adherence to all our Catholic beliefs, growth, community, MD, joyful service

Much to be thankful for:

- Active and vibrant parish
- 15 yrs youth, among top successful in the diocese
- Celebrating the good things the Lord is doing in our parish

Our Health Challenges:

- Shifting Demographics
- Ageing Population
- Prospects of Declining Participation
- Ageing Infrastructure
- Financial Challenges
- Healthy things grow, we have challenges. That % of replacement is not on par.

A Healthy Parish:

- We have chosen to change for the better – to grow.
- Swell is from elsewhere, we have but that is part of our potential, not our goal
 - Fruit that endure
- Give = financially speak of proportional giving
- Multiply, hopes to send a team to assist an intentional pastor in neighboring parish.
- What is the fruit of an apple tree? Another Apple Tree!

Life Cycle of Churches:

- AOLP came into existence
- Growth, built this church, masses were full, decline
- Maintenance is about responding to the needs of parishioners, inward focused vs outward focused and being missionary
- It is about reacting to present needs vs being visionary and being intentional and planning long term
- Life Preserver is managing decline and focusing on reducing costs and cutting corners to stay in the black, cutting back on engaging people, resources
- Life support is managing the closure of a parish

Father Yves ended with a quote from Pope Francis:

“...they may draw others to become disciples – helping people to encounter Jesus and commit to his way of life – thereby becoming mature missionary disciples...The goal is that over time every parish will develop an active process of forming disciples ...”

Pastoral Council Report

Member Alcide De Gagne briefly presented the work of the Parish Pastoral Council from June 2016 to May 2017 and where we are at:

New Vision Plan & Strategies – Phase V

- 2016 / 2017 Environmental Scans
- Church Survey
- Leadership Challenge
- Leadership & Decision-Making
- Questions
 - Aline Sirois- Mme Sirois asked “Are we the first in this Vision Plan”?
 - Answer: Alcide said yes to a large degree, St. Mary’s, St. Augustine
 - Suzanne Milburn – Mrs. Milburn “How does everything get facilitated between people & the ministries”?
 - Reg Swailla – Mr. Swailla also asked about the “how to” communicate with other ministries
 - Answer: Denis Lalonde – M. Lalonde said need to communicate between Governance Leadership & volunteers, cross pollination is possible.

Year in Review

- Intentional Missionary Discipleship Process was presented by Lorie O’Reilly
- She explained very well the chart of the “**Belong**” & “**Believe & Behave**” process & the opportunities that we have in our Parish for growth in our faith
- Looked at the Statistics of participation for:
 - Alpha
 - Discipleship Groups
 - CCO Faith Studies,
 - 33 Days to Merciful Love

Year in Review continued

- Youth Coordinator Marc Moreau
 - The focus is on bringing the youth to Christ
 - Highly promoted the “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd”
 - Invitation to the youth to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament
 - Marc shared testimonies from two youths that attend the AYM on Friday evenings
 - Introducing Alpha in the High Schools
 - Celebrating 15 years of Youth Ministry at Annunciation of the Lord
- Question
- Lynn Leduc – Mrs. Leduc asked:
 - What are the age of the Children?
- Answer: From Grade 6 to 8

Parish Finance Council Report

- 2016 Year End Financial report presented by Stephen Prosser, Treasure
 - Highlights of 2016 results of operations and financial condition
 - Building Reserve and major repairs
 - Planned Capital / Financial Campaign

Q & A session ensued as followed:

Brian Fleck – Mr. Fleck asked if any plans for Fund Raising as the funds are getting pretty low?

Maureen Tonon – Mrs. Tonon added that there is a need to be in place for Fund Raising & that the Finance Council are on board with that suggestion.

Jim Meuse – Mr. Meuse asked if the total amount spent on the roofs included any money spent on the same in 2015?

David Angelo – Mr. Angelo explained that because there were absolutely no insulation & this created lost of heat & that a great deal of money was also lost in heating cost. He also stated

that the roofs are in code but have no air space, so heat escaping gets to the tiles and creates ice problems.

Lilia Villasenor Garcia – Mrs. Garcia talked about also “beautifying” the inside of the Church.

Suzanne Milburn – Mrs. Milburn said Parishioners wants to see where their money is going and as examples: new washrooms, beautifying the Church

Aline Sirois – Mrs. Sirois asked if there is any insulation in the lady’s (hall) washroom?

Answer: David Angelo – Mr. Angelo said there has been insulation added but probably more could be added.

Reg Swailla – Mr. Swailla asked “Can we do a Mission Collection for the youth?”

Answer: There was a collection for the Youth in 2017.

- Approval Michèle Hundertmark and Denis Lalonde – In Favor: All

Denis Lalonde – Mr. Lalonde had the following questions:

- 1) How can we improve communication?

Answer:

- Stewardship Report was well received
- An appeal from the Public...Are you willing to help?

Introduction to three new members joining the PPC:

Roxanne Leblanc-Lemieux - Richard Morin - David Cuthill

Terms ended for: Dean Doucette, Michael Daley, Jackie Cuthill

Armando Prini moved the meeting to adjourn:

- 1) Jackie Cuthill and 2) Richard O’Reilly
 - 2) Unanimously approved
- Fr. Dennis lead in the closing Prayer and blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Minutes taken by: Shirley Hayes & Robert Hayes