

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

Present: Jan Oravec
Jan Varga
Rudy Priskin
Maria Eskut
Martina Prochazkova
Jan Carnogurky
Ivan Bebjak
Beata Andrejak
Jana Jurkovicova
Maureen P. Foley
Guest: Mons. Bernard Rossi

Regrets: Heather Charest
Eleanore Matias

1. **Status on visiting Priest:**

To date it is non-conclusive but we are asking for a priest from Slovakia to be available for Christmas and Easter. Mons. Rossi agreed to the priest occupying the rectory during his visits. Mons. Rossi will investigate whether the last visiting priest (Peter Varga, SDB) was compensated for his recent service.

2. **Children ready for First Communion:**

There are eight Slovak children preparing for First Communion and Mons. Rossi would like to meet these children. On Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., will be a meeting with Mons. Rossi and the parents of children preparing for Confession (and later First Communion). First Confession is scheduled for January 2019.

3. **Plumbing/Sewer System:**

Rudy advised that the sewer upgrade has been completed. The costs for the man with the camera, arborist, equipment, etc., were outlined and file given to Mons. Rossi for payment of \$2,467.00. Landscaping is being discussed with seed planting at the appropriate time. Blueprints and measurements will be provided and the Fire Safety Plan is required by Archbishop Miller. Mons. Rossi will review this and meet with the fire safety officer. As well, the City of New Westminster also agrees to the tree in front of the rectory being removed.

4. **Hall painting:**

Both Rudy and Jan Oravec spoke of painting the interior of the hall and minor renovations.

5. **Keys to the gate:**

Currently, Miro has a key to the gate and Jan Oravec requested one so that he can easily access the rectory when donations are counted, etc. The steps to the rear of the rectory are covered and safer than those of the front, especially in icy weather. Access to the gate will also provide safe access to the basement.

6. **Copier machine:**

The copier machine is currently in the office in the rectory and is under Archdiocesan contract. Jan Oravec asked if the copier can be moved to the basement of the rectory for use when printing bulletins, children studying Catechism, etc., and Mons. Rossi agreed to this move.

7. **Craft and Bake Sale:**

Saturday December 8 and Sunday December 9, 2018 are the dates of this year's Craft and Bake Sale.

8. **Hall Rental:**

Now that the sewer system is fixed, the hall can again be rented. The Dance Group has held its classes on Mondays and Thursdays and these may resume. Fundraising lunches will also resume and especially on Sunday, December 2, the Feast of St. Nicholas. It is still under discussion whether to have a New Year's Eve Dance on Monday, December 31, 2018.

Richard Mikulic, who wishes to rent the kitchen to continue his cooking of meats and lunches.
