

**Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 5, 2023
Minutes**

In attendance: Fr. Brian Meredith, Charlene Rogalski (chairperson), Eugene Achtemichuk, Sr. Anna Aulie, Sharon Bender, Shirley Campbell, Marian Grady, Dave Helmerson, Faye Helmerson, Gerald Hoffart, Susie Hoffart, Laurie Kirkness, Gail Kraft, Kathleene Pamer, Agnes Parisloff, Dianne Poitras, Paul Ponak, Lynda Putzlocher, Eleanor Selinger, Rita Wingert, Deacon Dennis Ziegler, Maureen Wild (secretary)

1) Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 12:15 with an opening prayer from Deacon Dennis Ziegler.

2) Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting

Moved by Laurie Kirkness and seconded by Shirley Campbell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

3) a) Adoption of March 6, 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Deacon Dennis Ziegler and seconded by Agnes Parisloff that the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

b) Adoption of 2022 Annual Report

Moved by Laurie Kirkness and seconded by Sr. Anna Aulie that the 2022 Annual Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

4) Annual Meeting – reports from parish groups

a) Liturgy – Marian Grady

- Marian expressed thanks for the parishioners' cooperation and for the young people who are volunteering.

b) Social Justice – Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson

- Agnes reported that it was a good year thanks to the support of the parish who have been very generous in donating.

c) Finance (including Building and Grounds) – Paul Ponak, Dave Helmerson

- The Finance Report and Financial Statement are in the Annual Report. The parish has taken a hit in the last four years. The committee decided to maintain services and staff for the future of the parish. The main factor in the parish's rebound is improved attendance. This has been happening the last few months with donations up \$5,000 to \$6,000 at the end of February. However, expenses are also up with utility costs. The parish is in good financial standing notwithstanding the last couple of years.
- Dave reported that building and grounds are in good shape. Shingles on the rectory and garage were replaced. A tree needed to be removed and lines in the parking lot were repainted.

d) Hall/Catering – Wayne Matt

e) Deanery Representative – Sharon Bender

- The Deanery has met only once. It was a workshop on the new Guidelines for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.
- Regina is looking at restructuring combining East and West Deaneries into one, but it is not official.

f) Members at Large – Kathy & Jamie Schneider, Laurie Kirkness

- Laurie had no issues to report.

- g) Special Events Committee – Sr. Anna Aulie
 - Sr. Anna thanked everyone who helped with special events, especially Laurie and Rita. There may be a trip to Briercrest in the spring.
- h) Men's Club – Wayne Matt
- i) K of C – Wayne Matt
- j) Parish Team – Marian Grady, Sr. Anna Aulie, Deacon Dennis Ziegler, Fr. Brian Meredith
 - Marian said parishioners are incredible. She noted help at a funeral when staff were ill.
 - Deacon Dennis added to his report in the booklet. A prayer ministry has been initiated. It is offered every second month.
 - Fr. Brian thanked staff, council members, and committees.
 - Gail Kraft reported that catering and funeral lunches are slowly resuming. There have been discussions about hall rental with the Girl Guides, a curling group, and a couple to be married.

5) Questions from the floor

- There were no questions from the floor

6) Elections: The chair of the nomination committee, Dave Helmerson, chaired this part of the meeting.

Positions available for election:

Vice-Chairperson (currently vacant)

3 Adult Member at Large positions

*Kathy & Jamie Schneider's second term ends in 2023

*One position is currently vacant

*Laurie Kirkness' first term is completed in 2023; will run for second term

1 Youth Member at Large position (currently vacant)

For each position:

Announce any names on the slate

Call for any nominations from the floor

If more than one person is nominated, then hold election (use pieces of paper)

Vice-Chairperson

- Since there were no nominations from the floor, the position of vice-chairperson will remain vacant.

Member at Large

- Laurie Kirkness agreed to let her name stand for a second term.
- Paul Ponak nominated Gerald Hoffart who agreed to let his name stand.
- Since there were no other nominations from the floor, Laurie Kirkness and Gerald Hoffart were elected by acclamation.

Youth Member at Large

- There were no youth in attendance

Gerald Hoffart questioned the Constitution and By-Law requiring the vice-chairperson to have Holy Child Pastoral Council experience. Fr. Brian responded that, in the current Bylaws, if the chair and vice-chair are not present, Council members determine who will chair the meeting. The Constitution and Bylaw will be updated to be consistent with the new Guidelines for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.

7) Other Concerns or Comments

- Discussion about the involvement of youth. Paul Ponak said that it may be intimidating for a young person to come to a meeting of people more senior and suggested a parent accompanying the youth might help make them more comfortable. Fr. Brian said this is something to work on this coming year. It will be on the agenda for Pastoral Council's September meeting.

8) Pastor's Remarks

- Fr. Brian expressed thanks and asked for God's blessing on everyone.

9) Closing Remarks

- Charlene Rogalski thanked everyone for coming out.

10) Suggested date for next AGM: Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. in the hall

11) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Sharon Bender and seconded by Dianne Poitras that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

12) Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 12:38 p.m. with Deacon Dennis leading a closing prayer.