

March 6, 2022
AGM Minutes

**Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 6, 2022
Minutes**

In attendance: Fr. Brian Meredith, Charlene Rogalski (chairperson), Sharon Bender, Marian Grady, Dave Helmerson, Faye Helmerson, Laurie Kirkness, Gail Kraft, Agnes, Parisloff, Dianne Poitras, Paul Ponak, Lynda Putzlocher, Eleanor Selinger, Rita Wingert, Dennis Ziegler, Maureen Wild (secretary)

1) Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 12:15 with praying of the Our Father. This was followed by the Hail Mary for world peace.

2) Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting

Moved by Paul Ponak and seconded by Dave Helmerson that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

3) a) Adoption of March 8, 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes – see Appendix A

Lynda Putzlocher commented on point 4.2 Vice-Chairperson. She was involved in review of the Constitution in 2015 with Fr. Dan. It was discussed at Pastoral Council. The use of the word “shall” was intended to be “must” in the statement from the Constitution reading: The vice-chairperson shall have Holy Child Pastoral Council experience.

Fr. Brian replied that he updated the minutes from the 2020 AGM which have been posted on the parish’s website for over a year. He read from the website: Clarification from Fr. Brian: The phrasing used did not properly express the concern and meaning that was intended. As a parish, we need to be pastorally flexible when needed (e.g., when no one who has pastoral council experience comes forward to be vice-chairperson). Although the parish updated its Constitution in 2015, Fr. Brian has expressed concern that no formal approval was received from the Bishop’s Office regarding its Constitution. When a parish Constitution differs from the Guidelines of the Archdiocese, the proper route is to obtain formal approval from the Bishop’s Office. In this particular case, the Guidelines of the Archdiocese uses the word “should” instead of “shall” regarding the Vice-Chairperson having Pastoral Council experience. The Guidelines of the Archdiocese are thus more pastorally flexible than the parish’s Constitution.

Moved by Faye Helmerson and seconded by Dianne Poitras that the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

b) Adoption of 2020 Annual Report – see Appendix B (AGM not held in 2021 due to pandemic)

Moved by Laurie Kirkness and seconded by Sharon Bender that the 2020 Annual Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

c) Adoption of 2021 Annual Report

Moved by Dennis Ziegler and seconded by Laurie Kirkness that the 2021 Annual Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

4) Annual Meeting – report from parish groups:

a) Liturgy – Marian Grady

- Marian’s report is in the 2021 Annual Report. She added that people have been cooperative amidst ongoing changes.

b) Social Justice – Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson

- Agnes said there was nothing to add to their report in the Annual Report.

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

- Finance's report is in the booklet. Paul commented that a review of finances was completed by Bruno who mentions concerns about the deficit. As of February, finances are a bit better. The largest factor for the parish is Sunday collections which are already up by \$7,000 this year. With restrictions lifted and people more comfortable to return, Paul sees the parish reaching a break-even point. The parish has done a good job maintaining expenses.
 - Dave reported that, like with all metal buildings, the two bouts of extreme cold formed heavy frost. Moisture comes from melting frost. There is nothing that can be done.
- d) Hall/Catering – Wayne Matt
- e) Deanery Representative – Sharon Bender
- The Regina Deanery will meet on April 7 at which time the new Guidelines for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council will be discussed.
- f) Members at Large – Kathy & Jamie Schneider, Gary & Tina Bojczuk, Laurie Kirkness
- Laurie had nothing to report.
- g) Special Events Committee – Sr. Anna Aulie
- 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 reported that sacramental preparation is going really good. She has also been working with the Eritrean community at Blessed Sacrament.
 - Deacon Dennis had nothing to add to his report in the Annual Report.
 - Fr. Brian thanked the parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council and various committees for their good work.

5) Questions from the floor

- Dennis Ziegler asked about events in the hall. Gail Kraft replied it is difficult to commit to events six months and years in advance when there is so much uncertainty. She sent copies of the contract to three people who called about events in August, January, and a bridal shower. Gail and Fr. Brian met with organizers of the City of Regina curling windup and the event was cancelled with the possibility of something in the summer. Some staff are immune compromised so funeral lunches are on hold. Fr. Brian made two points. It is important to keep employees and volunteers safe. By redirecting to private businesses who have been hit hard, we are serving the community. Eleanor Selinger noted the financial impact of filling the coolers.

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

Positions available for election:

Chairperson (on slate of names: Charlene Rogalski)

Vice-Chairperson (currently vacant)

1 Member at Large position (Gary & Tina Bojczuk's two terms are completed)

1 Member at Large position (youth)

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)

Chairperson

- Since there were no other nominations from the floor, Charlene Rogalski was reelected by acclamation.

Vice-Chairperson

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

Member at Large (adult)

- Since there were no nominations from the floor, one Member at Large position will be vacant.
- Lynda Putzlocher pointed out that the Constitution states that a vacancy in the position of Member at Large may be appointed by the parish priest to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. Fr. Brian responded that it is a maximum of four positions (one shall be youth). Currently two positions are filled with three adults, Jamie & Kathy Schneider and Laurie Kirkness. It is best to keep things simple, work through the revised Pastoral Guidelines, and move forward from there.

Member at Large (youth)

- There were no youth in attendance.

7) Other Concerns or Comments

- There were no other concerns or comments.

8) Pastor's Remarks

- Fr. Brian brought our attention to the updated Annual Report t with the black and white cover. Inserted were the new Guidelines for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. He reviewed a list of important topics from the document. Parish Pastoral Support Services at the Archdiocese will be conducting workshops. The Guidelines are to be implemented by June 2023.
- Information on the Synod has been in the bulletin.

9) Closing Remarks

- Charlene Rogalski thanked everyone for coming.

10) Suggested date for next AGM: Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in the hall

11) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Dianne Poitras and seconded by Paul Ponak that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

12) Closing Prayer

The meeting closed at 12:55 p.m. with praying of the Glory Be to the Father.