

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Pastoral Council – Outlook
Annual General Meeting for the year 2017
February 24, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

Attending: 21 parishioners in attendance.

Appreciation to everyone who brought food for our potluck before the meeting.

Meeting called to order and **Opening Prayer** was led by David Alm.

Review of Agenda: No additional items added.

Recording Secretary – Pierrette Turley

Minutes of the 2016 AGM - March 19, 2017 as posted on Parish Website:

<http://www.ihmcc.webs.com>

Business arising from the Minutes. Dale D. made the motion to adopt the minutes as posted. Seconded by Kitty P. Voted. Carried.

Presentation and Review of 2017 Financial Report by Kathy K, Bookkeeper.

Publishing the weekly amounts in the bulletin has kept donations on parishioners' mind and has helped our church meet its financial requirements **but donations were down in the 2017 year.** This is a concern that is reflected in the 2018 budget.

Laura R. made the motion that her 2017 Financial Report be accepted as read. Roger B. Seconded. Voted. Carried.

New Business: Part 1

- **Financial Records Audit** should be done this year. Bill P. made the motion that David A. and Darryl T. do an in house audit after the 2017 year end. Maxine P. seconded. Voted. Carried. Kathy will contact Dave and Darryl once she has closed the 2017 year.

- **Holy Thursday PLUS half Holy Land Collection** – Connie A. made the motion that we continue to donate this collection to the Outlook High School Breakfast Program. Seconded by Jessica F. Voted. Carried.

- **Presentation of 2018 Budget Proposal** – by Kathy K. The budget for 2018 has been set for \$1000 per week. This is down from last year’s budget. Kathy stressed the importance of making this budget work otherwise we will not have enough funds to keep operating as a church. She stated that the Diocese gets 15% right off the top and that our parishioners need to know that we are not able to keep everything we collect, for example: the special collections. One major expense this year will be the repair bill for the siding at around \$1800.00. It is important that contributions continue coming in from our parishioners if our church is to continue to be viable.

Discussion was had about keeping the contribution momentum going and that the finance committee may have to meet to discuss our finances and how best to let parishioners know the needs and ways to increase donations.

Bill P. made the motion to adopt the 2018 Budget Proposal. Connie A. seconded. Voted. Carried.

Thank you Kathy for all the work you do for our parish.

- **Ministry Reports were circulated prior to the annual meeting.** There was no discussion but there is a general consensus that we need more volunteers in all our ministries.

New Business: Part II

- **Community Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday – 10:30 am.** Will start and end at our church. There will still be 14 stations and some of the stops have been changed. We need volunteers for readers, cross bearers, and a crew to prepare coffee and hot chocolate on completion. Last year it was held indoors due to the weather. There has been a request that the Way of The Cross be done outside this year. Other churches in town have cancelled their Good Friday services in favor of attending this one.
- No elections were held.

Pastor’s Comments - Father Godwin said he is encouraged by our parish and that it is growing in number and it is vibrant. There are a lot of people in our parish who work at caring for its

needs daily. He appreciates all the efforts of Parish Council finance committee who keep such good records. Money is a challenge these days in all areas of life and it is important to give to the church. Almsgiving is important and that we never lose when we give to our church because God is always giving. He also appreciates the Parish Pastoral Council and its leadership. He will pray that all will continue to go well in our parish.

The Chrism Mass is coming up soon and he encouraged as many parishioners to attend as possible.

Closing comments: Dave acknowledged Parish Pastoral Council members and all the parishioners involved in the ministries. These are what keep our parish vibrant. Special thanks was extended to all those who took on new ministries in the church recently. In closing his statements, he thanked Father Godwin for that he does for us. There is a lot of driving, sometimes in weather that he doesn't like, but he is there for our parish.

He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Closing Prayer: Father Godwin closed the meeting with prayer and a blessing.

David declared the meeting ended at 6:25 p.m.