



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Iqaluit, Nunavut
September 23, 2012**

Present:

Priest Father Daniel
Chair Greg Cayen
Secretary Liz Cayen

Colleen Abbott, David Abernethy, Bonnie Berzamina, Angelo Brazil, Dora Carbonu, Marc Lefebvre, Gillian Lewis, Ben Mandeya, Tina Mandeya, Mark McCullough, Francois Picotte, and Elsie Van Rooy.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer - The meeting was called to order by Fr. Daniel at 12 noon. Fr. Daniel led in opening prayer.

2. Fr. Daniel informed us that there is a buyer for the Suzuki vehicle. Currently the vehicle is being repaired. The net sale price will be \$6,400.00. The other vehicle, which Fr. Daniel now drives, was donated by a parishioner who left Iqaluit. There will be an exchange of cheques, so that a tax receipt can be issued for this donation in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Motion – To sell the Suzuki vehicle on an “as is” basis, which means buyer beware, for the net price of \$6,400.

Moved by Greg Cayen
Seconded by Marc Lefebvre.

Motion carried.

3. Fr. Daniel has had some discussions with the local fire chief concerning our lack of alarm system. In order to bring the church up to fire code, we would need to spend between \$30,000 - \$40,000. However, there is another alternative, which will bring the church, the rectory and parish hall to a satisfactory standard, as we are not required by law to meet code requirements. This will put smoke detectors in the appropriate places and will be connected directly to the fire department as well. The monthly fee for this service will be \$50.00 per month. The cost of the system is between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Motion – To approve an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to purchase a fire alarm system as soon as possible.

Moved by Mark McCullough
Seconded by Elsie Van Rooy

Motion carried.



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4. Fr. Daniel indicated that First Communion classes should start in January. He is looking for two volunteers to help prepare the children. They will need to undergo Criminal Record Checks, as per Diocese policy. Fr. Daniel will also meet with the parents.

5. Fr. Daniel indicated that his current mandate is scheduled to end on August 1, 2013. This will be confirmed in March when a new Provincial is appointed to Fr. Daniel's Order and plans are made for the priests of the Order. Fr. Daniel's impression is that he will be asked to stay. However, he is making contingency plans in case he is assigned somewhere else.

Fr. Daniel will be here for the Christmas season. He has found a priest who would like to spend Christmas in Pond Inlet.

There are two young priests from Quebec who are interested in working in the north. They will be coming here for a visit and will also go to Pond Inlet.

6. Angelo asked if it was possible to move the day of the Thursday Prayer Meeting to Wednesday's. There was no objection to this. This will start on October 17th, so that the appropriate announcement can be made in the church and in the bulletin.

7. This year's Turkey Raffle will be held either the last week of November, or the first weekend in December, depending on when the Community Craft Sale and other activities are scheduled.

8. The invoice for the porch addition has come in. Fr. Daniel will arrange for payment in due course. He also indicated that there was a parishioner interested in helping to pay for these costs.

9. There was a general discussion about mass and liturgy.

10. Fr. Daniel led in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary