



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Iqaluit, Nunavut
December 2nd, 2012**

Present:

Priest	Father Daniel
Chair	Greg Cayen
Treasurer	Mila Dulatus
Secretary	Liz Cayen

David Abernethy, Marisol Abernethy, Colleen Abbott, David Abernethy, Angelo Brazil, Dora Carbonu, Avel Dulutas, Marc Lefebvre, Tina Mandeya, Daphne Mutema and Elsie Van Rooy.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer - The meeting was called to order by Fr. Daniel at 11:40 a.m. Fr. Daniel led in opening prayer.

2. The main purpose of this meeting was to set the times for the various Christmas and New Year's masses. It was decided that Christmas masses will be held as follows:

Monday, Christmas Eve – 5 p.m. – Family Mass (especially for children)

Monday, Christmas Eve – 10 p.m. – “Midnight” Mass

Tuesday, Christmas Day – 10 a.m.

There will be coffee hour after the Christmas Day mass.

New Year's celebrations will be as follows:

Monday, New Year's Eve – December 31st - 5:30 p.m. regular mass

Monday, New Year's Eve – December 31st – 6 – 7 p.m. Hour of Adoration – this is a good time to ask for forgiveness, thank the Lord for all the blessings of the past year and ask Him for blessings for the coming year.

Tuesday, New Year's Day – January 1st – 10 a.m.

As much as possible, we will have the three languages – Inuktitut, French and English – at all masses, especially for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The community potluck will be held on the 16th of December at 6 p.m. We will do the set-up right after mass.

Angelo confirmed that he will be here over the Christmas season and will be able to take care of the music for the various masses.

There will be an altar servers meeting on December 22nd, which will include a Christmas celebration for them. The Christmas season will be intense for all those involved in the additional masses.

The church will be decorated for the Christmas celebrations on Sunday, December 23rd after mass.



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Fr. Daniel noted that the First Communion preparation classes will begin in January and that he is planning to ask some of these children to become involved as altar servers. Fr. Daniel indicated that while the catechists are preparing the children, Fr. Daniel will be meeting with the parents to provide them an experience of meeting the Lord.

3. There was some discussion about providing donations to Pond Inlet and Igloolik, given the many blessings our Parish enjoys. Fr. Daniel indicated that the recipe book project will be a great contribution to Pond Inlet and one that they can participate in. With regard to Igloolik, they likely require other resources other than money especially in light of the recent tragedy there.

Fr. Daniel also indicated that there likely will be changes in the parishes in the Eastern Arctic in the New Year. Fr. Daniel advised that a subsidy of \$20,000 has been received from the Marianhill Order to help defray training costs for the new catechists in Nunavut.

4. There will be a cleaning of the church and rectory in the spring. After Christmas the carpets will be cleaned with the new carpet cleaning machine.

The fire alarm system will be installed this week. We will be connected directly to the fire hall in case of emergency.

5. The budget will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council in January.

6. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 with the saying of the Our Father.

Chair

Secretary