

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

1. Prayer and Attendance

Dorothy called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:15pm on June 7, 2018.

The following persons were present: Jane Staples, Heather Duggan, Dorothy Wood, Bob Gorman, Anthony Carty, Patrick Zdunich, Margaret Moriarty, and Scott Rufolo.

Regrets: Rob Criger, Sheila Foy-Connolly, Fr. Tim Coonen, Mary Egan

2. Approval of agenda:

Additions: 5.4 Diocesan Feast Day June 14th

Anthony moved and Bob seconded the approval of the agenda. Approved by all.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of May 3, 2018 were accepted electronically and sent to the Finance Committee.

4. Business arising:

4.1 Mass on the Grass: Margaret and Scott will make a Costco run and Greg Huyer will pick up the buns on the weekend. Jane and Heather will make a final count on Monday and email Scott. Heather will make a sign for the front door of the church directing people to the front lawn of Immaculata. Jane will call Immaculata concerning our propane tank.

Action Item: Propane tank and sign: Pastoral Team

4.2 Fundscrip: Not many have signed up but we may have someone who will run it. PPC will go ahead if we get 14 families to sign up.

4.3 Representatives: Jean Cassidy will represent the parish at OOE meetings and Sr. Maureen Killoran will continue representing us at the CCSAC.

4.4 Attendance at Renewed Relations Committee: No one has come forward.

4.5 Fundraising dinner: Approx. \$1500 was raised. Parishioners will receive a tax receipt in the amount of \$35.

Action Item: Add this to bulletin

4.6 Ministry Reports: Music, Children's Liturgy, Development and Peace, Pastoral Care.

Music: Choir space work will start this summer. The Saturday evening choir is looking for a new accompanist. The choir always welcomes new members, especially for the Saturday mass. Include music for younger families i.e. different hymns. Perhaps PPC could survey young families?

Action Item: Liturgy committee agenda will include music for families.

Children's Liturgy: Looking forward to workshop with Heather Reid. The youth are involved with the younger group.

Action Item: Put announcement in bulletin for new adult leaders for Children's Liturgy.

Pastoral Care: Would like the ministry to be better known. Requires a large commitment: 10 week course and police check.

Action Item: Ask Rosemarie to write an article for the Epistle. Put announcement in bulletin for new members.

Development and Peace: Everything is running smoothly. Always looking for new members.

Ministry Fair: Have a ministry fair associated with a social event at the parish.

Action Item: Put ministry fair on agenda for September.

4.7 Ministry to families: Pam and Julie Anne met with Dorothy. They suggested to set up a buddy system for new families at the parish, have a pot luck for the children, an Epiphany party, a twice a year mothers' group where the mums get to chat and the children are entertained with a movie etc. None of these are pressing matters.

Action Item: Perhaps do a survey in the Fall to gauge interest.

4.8 Digital Frame: Must be mounted near an outlet. We are able to load videos on to it.

Action Item: To be mounted this summer.

5. New business:

5.1 Allocation of funds from Tobin estate: PPC has \$6600 from the interest from the Tobin estate to distribute to charities. PPC will continue to support the charities that they supported in 2017 but will not give to the Kateri Parish in Manitoba as Fr. Nicanor is no longer there.

Carty House: \$500

Shepherds of Good Hope: \$500

Waupoos Family Farm: \$500

St. Margaret Mary's Supper Program: \$500

Multifaith Housing: \$700

Miriam Centre: \$500

L'Arche: \$1000

Hospice Care Ottawa: \$1000

Jericho Road Ministries: \$600

New for 2018: Birthright Ottawa: \$800

Action Item: Patrick will do some research on Birthright Ottawa before PPC commits to the donation.

Margaret moved and Bob seconded. All in favour.

5.2 Laudato Si (Care for Creation): A good group attended. It was a good opportunity for sharing. John Dorner was a good facilitator and a good resource. There was good dialogue.

Action Item: Look into Green Church Website: <http://greenchurches.ca/>

5.3 Confirmation at Resurrection Parish: Bishop Riesbeck presided. 26 children were confirmed. The Bishop made an effort to talk to each child before the service.

5.4 Diocesan Feast Day: June 14th at 7:30pm. PPC attendance is encouraged. Jane will attend if no one else comes forward.

6. Standing items:

6.1 Pastoral Team report: No report

6.2 Communications Committee report: No report

7. For information: Faith Formation meeting on June 14th at 10am. Will discuss Lunch and Learn sessions and workshops.

8. Communications: Bulletin announcements for ministries.

Action Item: Item for Liturgy Committee agenda: Discontinue use of projector for weekend Masses unless it is a special occasion or Feast Day.

9. Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 at 7:15pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The meeting for December 2018 will take place on Nov. 29th so that Dorothy can attend the final meeting of the year.

Music Ministry Report

How are things going with the Music Ministry?

1 What is going well?

Good musical relationships within the choir. Good support from parish. A sense of contributing, enhancing the worship. Many members willing to risk solo work with the psalm. Good P.A. system.

Looking for a new accompanist for Saturday and the search is going well.

Glad to have a musical pastor; hope we can be a good support to him.

2. Needs improvement / needs to be changed?

The choir space is a mess. Cables everywhere – danger of tripping. The alcove lights/sockets are not working. We are looking forward to the completion of the renovations.

We need to think about recruiting more members especially for 5 p.m. and both masses for the summer.

3. What can the PPC and /or the Pastoral Team do to support the ministry?

Thanks for the formation session – excellent. Should we be looking at music more appealing to young people (at least for 10 a.m. mass)? Would PPC have role in surveying young families?

Coffee houses/Seniors' lunches are great for parish morale, but avoid Easter and the time very close to Christmas because of practices for special services.

New books being considered; good to know timing, etc. for this resource.

4. The Pastoral Council is welcome to bring their perspective to us, their feedback, any input on music choices, etc.

Prepared by McE Galbreath and submitted by Rob Criger

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Ministry report for Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at Canadian Martyrs three Sundays per month during the 10:00 Mass. The children are invited to the front just before the first reading and proceed to the parish centre with their adult liturgists. They are divided into two rooms by age group, a younger group, and an older group. They celebrate in their groups, have a snack, talk about that day's liturgy, then return to the church after the Gospel and homily.

The Ministers at present are Clara Hamory, McE Galbreath, Nada Vransy, and Christine Andress. I attended Mass on Sunday May 6th, and went with the younger group and McE. Both the children and I had a very positive experience.

After Mass was over I chatted with McE about how the ministry's work was going from her perspective, and she felt things were going well. The liturgists look forward to an early fall workshop on Children's Liturgy which pastoral council and the pastoral team hope to set up with Heather Reid. New members to the ministry team would be most welcome in the fall and perhaps would be encouraged to join by attending the workshop, and some bulletin "advertising" for new members in late August, early September.

McE was also very much aware of the pastoral plan and the role of Children's Liturgy of the Word within the plan.

Prepared by Sheila Foy Connolly

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REPORT ON THE PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

On May 31, there was a meeting of the Pastoral Care ministry in the parish centre. Currently, the members of this ministry are Rosemarie Hoey, Jane Staples, Angela ?, Sheila Foy-Connolly, and Sr. Maureen, who has just joined. Janice Staples and Teresa Beemans are not participating at the moment because of health issues.

This ministry consists in a number of initiatives primarily aimed at supporting parishioners who are ill and/or lonely and no longer able to attend mass or parish activities as they once did. Most of these people are elderly.

The past year has been difficult because most of the outreach has fallen on the shoulders of Rosemarie, Angela and Jane. Since this ministry is considered high-risk and requires a police check for the volunteers, the policy is to have two people together visit parishioners who are at home or in a residence. However, with only three people available, this has been very difficult. As a result, there has been a need to be creative, for example, by doing phone visits. Having said this, there is an informal network of other people who, for example, drive people to and from mass, take communion to family members and friends, etc.

The residences visited by this ministry include St. Pat's home, Villagia, Grace Manor, Maplewood, Colonel By, Billings Lodge, Billings Manor, and also Bruyere. People often think that this ministry is about bringing communion to people but it is about supporting people generally, including friendly visits, at funerals, sending cards of all kinds, e.g. bereavement, get well, thank you. This last is Sheila's special contribution to the ministry.

What parish council can do:

- make the ministry better known;
- reach out to people in the parish who may be interested and willing to assist.

To be a fully functioning member of the Pastoral Care Committee, it is necessary to take the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program which is offered twice a year and consists in a daytime or evening session per week for 10 weeks. The parish will cover the tuition fee for this course. A police check and flu and TB vaccinations are also required.

Prepared by Dorothy Wood

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Ministry Report for Development & Peace

- To educate and keep the congregation apprised of initiatives of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (C.C.O.D.P.) and to encourage their support to fight poverty in developing countries and to promote greater international justice.

How are things going with the ministry? What is going well? What needs to be improved/changed?

- Evelyn Kelly, coordinator of a very small group of volunteers, said the annual Fall Action Education Campaign and the annual Share Lent Campaign are the two main activities that must be organized by the coordinator in consultation with the pastoral team. The two events were held again this past year with strong support and generosity of the parish and parishioners.

- Parish and parishioners continue to show strong support and generosity during the two annual campaigns. The support of the pastoral team, particularly Jane, is greatly appreciated.

- Additional volunteers would always be appreciated.

What can the PPC and pastoral team do to help/support you?

- No additional help or support is being requested of the PPC or the pastoral team. If ever volunteers are identified and looking for something to do, they could be sent D&P's way.

Are you familiar with the parish pastoral plan and with the objectives and activities that relate to your ministry?

- Yes.

Prepared by Anthony Carty

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