

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2020

1. Prayer and Attendance

Angie called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on April 2, 2020 via Zoom. The following persons were present: Maureen Cerroni, Heather Duggan, Angela Burton, Chidi Njoku, Frank Hegyi, Mary Egan, Patrick Zdunich, Angela Davis, Fr. Tim Coonen, Nicola Whitehouse

Regrets: Jordan Samaroo

2. Agenda: Approved by Nicola and seconded by Angela

3. Minutes: The minutes from March 2020 were approved at the meeting, approved by Mary, seconded by Chidi.

4. Business arising

4.1 Terms of Engagement:

Action Item: Angela Davis' Terms of Engagement will be witnessed when we are able to meet in person.

4.2 Modifications to PPC workplan and action items arising from COVID19:

Masses for Triduum and Easter have been cancelled. Annual Parish Meeting reports will be distributed via email and the meeting will be scheduled when we are able to meet again. Mass on the Grass and BBQ will be postponed until the Fall.

Action Item: Heather will distribute the Annual Parish Meeting Ministry and Committee reports by email to parishioners.

5. New Business

5.1 PPC contributions to Canadian Martyrs Church COVID19 response

Rosemarie Hoey, chair of the Pastoral Care team, and members of the team are in touch with our senior parishioners by phone. The youth of the parish will also be making phone calls to senior parishioners organized by McE Galbreath. Easter cards were also mailed out to our seniors. A network of communication has been established. There has been one death in the parish since the lockdown. Gus Fraser, former member of St. Margaret Mary parish died and the funeral will be held at a later date.

First Communion preparation will be on hold until it can be done face to face.

The parish pastoral team was commended for using the communication tools at their disposal. Tim mentioned that Heather and Maureen have kept things running smoothly in his absence and he will ponder something to do for the parishioners for Easter e.g. Youtube video. We need to work at ways to be together in communion.

Action Items: Easter Youtube video. Bulletin note that if you would like a phone call from a parishioner or if you would like to volunteer to make phone calls please let Heather know. Angie, Mary, Heather and Maureen will reach out to children who are preparing for Sacraments with a phone call, Zoom meeting or card. Pat, Magda and Maureen will work on the content of the greeting cards. A prayer intention for the children will be added to the bulletin.

5.2 Planning for post-COVID19:

BBQ/Celebration in the Fall
Reunion event
Join the citywide celebration in the Diocese

6. Standing items:

6.1 Pastoral Team Report: Parish is permitted 10 people at a funeral. All other gatherings have to be fewer than 5 people. Priests can only celebrate with their communities. Fr. Tim will be celebrating Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter at the Springhurst residence where he is living. Palms will be blessed and will be available at a later date. The parish Easter candle and water will be blessed at Springhurst.

Action Items: Heather will look for Oblate Masses that are being live streamed to share with parishioners. Suggest the parishioners get together via Zoom, Skype etc. to watch Mass together. Maureen will share the virtual Meditation Chapel that she has been enjoying. Heather will post links that parishioners have recommended along with their testimonials.

Mental Health information will be added to the bulletin: Phone calls, keeping in touch, make parishioners aware free psychological information. Chidi will share any services that she comes across with Heather.

PPC will invite chairs from other committees to the May meeting.

6.2 Finance Committee Report:

The finance committee will be meeting via Zoom to discuss our financial position. The parish had a 38% drop in weekly donations from February to March. Parishioners have been encouraged to keep donating to the church through Canada Helps and personal cheques. The Direct Deposit donations will continue for those parishioners who already give by this method. Finance committee will look into grants available to help with the parish's payroll expenses.

7. For Information: Information will continue to be shared via email, website and Facebook.

8. Communications arising: Bulletin items

9. Next meeting: May 7, 2020 at 7pm and June 4, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom