

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018

1. Prayer and Attendance

Dorothy called to order the regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:15pm on September 6, 2018.

The following persons were present: Rob Criger, Sheila Foy-Connolly, Fr. Tim Coonen, Mary Egan, Heather Duggan, Dorothy Wood, Bob Gorman, Anthony Carty, and Patrick Zdunich.

Regrets: Jane Staples, Margaret Moriarty and Scott Rufolo

2. Approval of agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

The minutes of June 7, 2018 were accepted electronically and sent to the Finance Committee.

4. Presentation by John Dorner on Care of Our Common Home:

What are other parishes doing?

St. Basil's has a Green Team and they have signed up with Green Churches (info can be found in the Friday Facts from the Ottawa Diocese).

Garden projects including trees and tulips

Mass for Season of Creation (Sept. 1 – Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

Recycle/Composting, Garage Sales, Buy local fruit/veg., Yellow bag program (City of Ottawa)

Grants for lighting – Hydro Ottawa (contact John Dorner for info.)

Faith and the Common Good

Green Audit – Stephen Collette (<http://www.yourhealthyhouse.ca/>)

Energy Audit – St. Joe's has had one done.

Get youth involved.

5. Business arising:

5.1 Fundscrip fundraising update: The parishioner who had offered to organize this is no longer able to do it. We will look for someone else.

5.2 Ministry to families survey: The survey will only be given to families. Dorothy, Jane, Pam and Julie Ann will work on the survey.

5.3 Digital Frame: The frame has been mounted in the church foyer. It has a loop of photos and the presentation on the history of the church and our ministries on it.

5.4 Tobin Estate charitable giving: PPC decided to give \$800 to Birthright Ottawa. This organization has a local office that is run by volunteers. It is a non-judgmental organization and acts as a source of information.

5.5 Reminder in bulletin about PPC minutes: There is a standing item on the back page of the bulletin letting parishioners know that the minutes are available at the back of the church.

6. New business:

6.1 New members of PPC: Margaret, Bob, Sheila and Dorothy will be leaving PPC at the end of December. PPC will form a nomination committee headed by Sheila. PPC will ask Pierre, Greg, Marilyn and Rosemarie to possibly be on the nomination committee. Nomination ballots will be put in the pews and an announcement will appear in the bulletin as well as after Masses.

6.2 Justice and care for the environment in the parish: The parish could be doing more. Stop using plastic cutlery and straws. Continue to buy free trade coffee and tea, if possible.

6.3 PPC and FC retreat: The retreat will be in town this year at St. Paul Univ. It will take place on Nov. 3rd from 9am to 1pm. PPC will gather with FC and do an in-service. Professor Pierre-Alain Giffard of Saint Paul University will speak to us about mission in a parish context. PPC will also invite those who were closely involved in developing our pastoral plan, i.e. Magda Kubasiewicz, Greg Gertz and Richard Wink, so that they can share their experience with us as we move, next year, into a renewal of our five-year pastoral plan.

Action item: Dorothy will email FC to invite them and the new PPC members will also be invited.

6.4 AGM in November: The AGM will take place on Nov. 25th. Reports from committees and ministries will be due by Nov. 14th.

Action item: Confirm that the Advent fair is scheduled for Dec. 2nd.

6.5 Annual review of the Constitution:

Action item: Add to the October agenda, and PPC to review the document before the October meeting.

6.6 Potluck for feast of Canadian Martyrs: A potluck lunch featuring International Cuisine preferably finger food.

Action item: Sign-up sheet for help with set up and clean up.

7. Standing items:

7.1 Pastoral Team report: Archbishop's dinner on Wed. Oct. 17th, please let Tim know if you are interested in going. We may share a table with St. Joe's.

All the locks on the closets in the church have been changed for security reasons and individual codes for the alarm system are being assigned to those who need them.

7.2 Communications Committee report: Will be doing a strategic plan with Joe Gunn (who has served as Executive Director at Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) since August 2008). PPC members are welcome to attend. Communications Committee has requested a payment to Joe Gunn \$100.00 for his facilitation of the strategic planning session. This was approved by the PPC.

7. For information:

Faith Formation Committee Meeting: September 14

Sessions on the Mass beginning September 13

Lunch and Learn: September 16

Training for Children's Liturgy of the Word: September 29

8. Communications:

9. Next meeting: Thursday Oct. 4, 2018 at 7:15pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.