

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

1. Prayer and Attendance

Angela called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on June 3, 2021 via Zoom.

The following persons were present: Heather Duggan, Fr. Tim Coonen, Maureen Cerroni, Angela Burton, Chidi Njoku, Mary Dalipaj, Cheryl Khoury, Frank Hegyi, Angela Davis, Nicola Whitehouse

Regrets: Jordan Samaroo, Mary Egan

Prayer: Chidi

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Approval of minutes: Minutes from April 8 were approved by email. The May meeting was cancelled, thoughts shared by email will be compiled.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Privacy Policy

Heather brought to the PPC's attention that the Privacy Policy drawn up by the PPC in 2004-2005 needs to be updated. Heather has edited the Privacy Policy document on our website removing the mention of a Release Form and a Familiarization Form which the parish no longer uses. She added that parishioners will be contacted before any personal information is shared with the parish. Heather also updated the links in the first point of the current Privacy Policy as they now longer worked. The links she used will need to be checked to make sure they point to current information.

Action Item: Cheryl and Mary D. will look at the current Privacy Policy and suggest amendments. Heather will email them the link to the Privacy Policy that is on our website and any information from the Diocesan website.

4.2 Cookbook

Frank reported that he has some edits to do and a few more recipes to add to get the cookbook ready for printing by the end of June for distribution in July. The PPC decided that it was best **not** to make the cookbook available on Amazon due to copyright and privacy issues. Frank will contact Lightning Press (<https://lightning-press.com/>) to find out the cost of printing and will also contact printing companies in Canada (e.g. Pikto, <https://business.pikto.com/>)

Action Item: Frank will contact printing companies for cost.

4.3 Parish Response to Kamloops News

Many facts being reported by news outlets are inaccurate and sensationalist. OMI Lacombe has made available on their website a Q&A with accurate information, <https://omilacombe.ca/indian-residential-schools-missionary-oblates-mary-immaculate-q/>. The parish will continue to work on a continuous and sincere apology. The value of an apology is paramount. The PPC and Pastoral Team will write a statement to be emailed to parishioners and published on our website. A letter will be written and

mailed to Western Oblate parishes, aboriginal missions and others. This will continue to be discussed at future PPC meetings and become a standing item on our agendas.

The parish has been invited to join a prayer gathering hosted by St. Joe's on Wednesday, June 9 at 7pm.

Action Item: Angela will write the first draft of the letter and will contact Wabano Centre in Ottawa for places to send it. Tim will send Heather the statement from PPC and the Pastoral Team to be sent to parishioners. Heather will create a page on the parish's website, In Support of Reconciliation. PPC members to come back with ideas at September meeting.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Pastoral Team Report

Two funerals, Fred Miller and Bernadine Burke, will be scheduled when the church opens up and more people can attend.

A serviceberry tree was donated by Gloria Sola. It has been planted in front of the parish centre. Gloria and Mede McAtee have been doing a lot of work on our parish gardens.

6. Next Meeting: Sept. 2nd at 7pm

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Appended:

Volunteer end of season thank you to volunteers from Angie Burton re. 507 Sandwich Club:

Thank you so very much for volunteering with the Canadian Martyrs Church Centre 507 Sandwich Club this year. Since we started this little pilot project we have made and delivered approximately 4,800 delicious, nutritious sandwiches to Centre 507 to date and will surpass 5,000 sandwiches by the time we 'wrap up' ;) at the end of June.

While I am sure many on this dedicated team of volunteers would keep on going right through the summer months, Centre 507 is giving us the summer off!

I would like to take a moment to recognize this small but mighty team!

Each week since December 2020, amid lockdowns, social distancing and daily reports of frightening COVID statistics, we organized to safely and efficiently shop for and deliver supplies, make sandwiches and deliver much welcomed fresh-made sandwiches to serve Centre 507 clients.

Beyond providing much appreciated sandwiches every Friday to Centre 507, we were able to respond quickly when the Centre put out emergency calls for supplies such as long underwear during the coldest weeks of winter and sunscreen when the temperatures started to soar in May.

Another lovely by-product of this project was how many Canadian Martyrs families worked together to make the sandwiches and some of our Youth were even able to claim volunteer hours for their efforts.

We will regroup and evaluate how best we can serve in late August. For now, I would just like to share that it has been my privilege and an inspiration to work with such a wonderful group and to get to know you, even just a little bit, during this dreadful pandemic.

I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Angie 🌻