

# **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

September 2, 2021

## **1. Prayer and Attendance**

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

The following persons were present: Heather Duggan, Maureen Cerroni, Angela Burton, Cheryl Khoury, Frank Hegyi, Angela Davis, Nicola Whitehouse, Mary Egan

Regrets: Chidi Njoku, Mary Dalipaj, Fr. Tim Coonen

**2. Agenda:** Approved by Nicola and Cheryl.

**3. Approval of minutes:** Minutes from June 3 were approved by Angela and Nicola.

## **4. Business Arising**

### **4.1 Election of chair and vice-chair**

Note: Jordan Samaroo, vice-chair of PPC, stepped down from PPC via email on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Angela Davis resigned as chair of PPC via email on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The content of the emails is attached.

Election of chair: Nicola nominated Cheryl for the position of chair of PPC. All approved.

Election of vice-chair: Angela D. nominated Angela B. for the position of vice-chair. All approved.

Many thanks to Angela D. for stepping up to be chair of PPC this year.

### **4.2 Cookbook**

Frank reported the cookbook will be published by Lightning Source in early September and we will have 150 copies of the cookbook by the end of September. The book is 274 pages and will be sold for \$20. Many thanks to all the parishioners who submitted recipes for the book. The cookbook will not be available on Amazon.

## **5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Privacy documents:** Cheryl has some minor edits which she has sent to Mary D. This will be added to the agenda for the October meeting.

**5.2 Parish Working Group:** This group will meet on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Angie and Nicola will represent PPC. Cheryl will step back as she is now chair.

## **6. Pastoral Team Report**

Liturgy committee will meet on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Feast of Canadian Martyrs.

Confirmation Classes will start during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>. Brian Cana and Adele Casuga will be joining the Sacramental Prep Team.

Settlement committee continues to meet to prepare for the arrival of the Syrian family on October 5<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for an apartment. Furniture has been collected

Weekly Mass is now on Tuesdays with Fr. John Renken as our presider. Fr. Richard Beaudette will be presiding for the weekend Masses while Fr. Tim is away. Liturgy of the Word continues on Sundays with Fr. John as presider.

A bike rack has been installed in the church parking lot.

## **7. Next Meeting: Oct. 7th at 7pm**

Adjourned at 8:45pm

### **Appended:**

Dear Canadian Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council  
August 25, 2021

Thank you for support of the meeting last Thursday. I was pleased that members shared so clearly and seriously on this critical issue for our Church. I am resigning because some conflict arose that adds to an already emotional climate speaking about abuse and reconciliation.

I am certain the process is well begun and will proceed with excellent contribution of our parish. I have enjoyed being chair, meeting and working with you this interesting covid19 year. I trust it will go well with the Spirit's guidance.

Blessings,  
Angela Davis

Dear Members of PPC,  
August 26, 2021

I hope you are well.

I write to inform you of my decision to resign from Parish Council and in turn my position as Vice-Chair effective immediately. Fr. Tim, Heather, Maureen, and Angela Davis were made aware of my decision last week.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 2.75 years serving the parishioners of Canadian Martyrs, but as I begin my final year of law school next month and prepare to transition into the workforce upon graduation, my personal and professional responsibilities have shifted since joining Parish Council nearly three years ago. As such, I no longer feel able to execute my duties as a member of Parish Council to the same level as in the past. My three-year term was expected to expire at the end of the calendar year, but I wish to step down now.

I believe subsection 12 of the Constitution provides for two possible ways to proceed:

12. Should one or more elected members be unable to complete a full term, the Council may identify and appoint eligible persons to temporarily serve as replacement councilors; such appointments are nullified by the appointment of new members resulting from the next Council selection procedure. Alternatively, the Council may decide not to replace these members if it decides that there are sufficient members left to effectively continue the work of Council until the next selection procedure is held.

According to subsection 10, the Council is composed of five to nine members so it may not be necessary to replace me right now.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership during this challenging time for the Church and ongoing pandemic. If you have any questions or require my help to determine the next steps, please let me know.

In faith,  
Jordan