

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2021

1. Prayer and Attendance

Cheryl called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on December 2, 2021 in the Parish Centre. The following persons were present: Heather Duggan, Maureen Cerroni, Cheryl Khoury, Frank Hegyi, Angela Davis, Nicola Whitehouse, Fr. Tim Coonen, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, and Mary Egan

Regrets: Angela Burton, Chidi Njoku, Mary Dalipaj, Chad Glendinning, and Sue Anne Hess

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Approval of minutes: Minutes from November 4 were approved.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Welcome new members

We welcomed Anne Marie to PPC. Chad and Sue Anne could not join us.

4.2 Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Met on December 1st. Two ideas that they are working on: a presentation to the parish by the Oblate leadership and a study group focused on the Indigenous Voices workbook. The committee now has 8 or 9 members in total. A letter will be sent to Provincial Superior Ken Thorson to invite the Oblate leadership to the parish to discuss what has been in the press and other matters.

The committee is also working on their terms of reference.

4.3 Cookbook

Forty copies have been ordered and should be available to be sold before Christmas. Frank will order more as needed.

4.4 507 Sandwich Club

Adele Casuga-Lalonde has taken over leadership of the club. She has a full roster of volunteers for December. The Club has \$460 left in their account so an announcement will be in put in the bulletin asking for more donations from parishioners. The Club is hoping to be able to gather at the parish centre to make sandwiches if COVID protocols allow it.

5. New Business

5.1 Synod Committee

Members: Dorothy Wood, Fr. John Renken, Fr. Tim Coonen, Maureen Cerroni, and Pamela Dixon.

The committee will educate parishioners about what a Synod is by using homilies, the bulletin and a special edition of *The Epistle*. Cathy Clifford, St. Paul professor and parishioner, and Fr. John Renken will be giving presentations in early 2022. Several committee members attended a presentation at St. Basil's Church on "How do we do church?"

The Synod process will include open discussions on the future of the Catholic church which may include such topics as: birth control, married clergy, and ordination of women.

Article by Joe Gunn in the Oblate Spirit Newsletter, p. 28, *What could a "Synodal Church" look like?*

https://omilacombe.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Oblate_Spirit_Newsletter-XMAS2021-3-1.pdf

5.2 Christmas Cards

PPC decided to send Christmas Cards from the PPC and the Pastoral Team to those parishioners and friends of parishioners who are on our Prayers for the Sick list.

Action Item: Heather will ask the Pastoral Care Team if the names of their committee members could be added to the greeting cards that they send out several times a year to our older parishioners. Tim would also be happy to sign the cards.

An event for volunteers to be held in the Spring was briefly discussed.

Note: Heather sent the Christmas cards to the people for whom she could find an address. The remainder of the cards were sent to volunteers who have been helping during the ongoing pandemic.

6. Pastoral Team Report

This week we had a funeral for parishioner, Joyce White.

The Confirmation Mass will be held on Dec. 5th in the afternoon.

PPC's charitable donations have been sent for 2021. This was decided by PPC via email on November 22/2021.

We have been given permission by the Archdiocese to sing in church. Singing during Mass will start the first week of Advent. The choir members will be scattered through out the pews and will not be in the choir space.

The Advent Reconciliation service will be on December 15th.

7. Finance Committee Report

Finance committee is met on November 9th. The parish is in a good financial position although no big projects have been done this year. Our financial review will take place the week of February 28th.

8. Other

Many thanks to Mary E., Chidi, Angie and Frank who have completed their terms on council.

9. Next meeting: January 6, 2022 at 7pm. New members have agreed that Thursday evening works for them. Meetings will remain on Zoom for the winter months. Adjourned at 9:00pm