

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022

1. Prayer and Attendance

Cheryl called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on January 6, 2022 via Zoom. The following persons were present: Heather Duggan, Maureen Cerroni, Cheryl Khoury, Fr. Tim Coonen, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, Chad Glendinning, Mary Dalipaj and Sue Anne Hess.

Regrets: Angela Davis, Nicola Whitehouse

2. Agenda: Addition: 9. Other: Ice and snow safety Approved by Anne Marie and Sue Anne

3. Approval of minutes: Minutes from December 2 were approved (Anne Marie and Cheryl).

4. 2022 Elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Action item: The election of chair, vice-chair and secretary was deferred until the February meeting as Nicola (our current secretary) was not in attendance.

5. Business arising

5.1 Welcome to new members

We welcomed Anne Marie, Chad and Sue Anne to PPC

5.2 Truth and Reconciliation Committee

This new committee has approximately 10 members and is working on 4 key areas: communication, collaboration with other parishes, education and working with Oblate leadership.

A letter was sent to Fr. Ken Thorson. He has accepted the invitation to meet with the committee and parish members.

A study group will start on January 24th to study the book, *Listening to Indigenous Voices*. An invitation to join the group will be in the bulletin.

5.3 Cookbooks

35 copies have been sold. Frank will be ordering 20 more copies. (A total of 60 cookbooks will have been ordered for sale at the parish).

5.4 507 Sandwich Club

This club currently has 10 volunteers and would like to have more volunteers to help make the sandwiches and to buy the groceries on a weekly basis. High school students can earn volunteer hours.

150-175 sandwiches are made every week. The groceries cost about \$250/week. Corporate donors will be needed to help sustain the initiative.

Action item: Sue Anne has volunteered to help Adele Casuga, coordinator of the 507 Sandwich Club, develop a plan to look for corporate donors.

5.5 Synod

The Synod committee is working on a special Synodal edition of the *Epistle* newsletter. It will include articles by Fr. John Renken and Fr. Tim.

Presentations on the Synod process will be given by Fr. John Renken and Prof. Cathy Clifford.

The committee is also discussing how to gather with parishioners and members of the community for meaningful discussions.

Action item: Articles and workshops pertaining to the Synod will continue to be added to the parish website by Heather: <https://canadianmartyrs.org/synod-2021-2023/>

6. New Business

6.1 Pastoral Plan: focus for 2022

The focus for 2022 will be on the Synod and Truth and Reconciliation which will fall under the Learning about our Faith section of the Pastoral Plan.

PPC members will focus on finding ways to engage and keep parishioners connected during the pandemic. How can we reach out to more people in our parish and our community?

6.2 Terms of Engagement

Action item: New PPC members were asked to read the document and sign and return the last page to Heather in the parish office.

7. Pastoral Team Report

Seven children were confirmed on Dec. 5th. At the follow up meeting, the children, along with their siblings and parents, helped create the Christmas pageant in photos.

Sacramental Prep for First Communion will take place at the church (physically distanced and masked). Each session will consist of a prayer service, discussion and sharing. Sessions will start on Sunday, January 24th at 3pm. Five children have registered. Brian Cano and Adele Casuga will continue to help with the Sacramental Prep sessions.

Pastoral Care Team Report: Rosemarie Hoey continues to coordinate this group of 8 core volunteers and many other helpers. The team continues with phone calls, emails, greeting cards and Christmas presents for our older parishioners. The team currently has 38 parishioners on their contact list. When Covid restrictions allow, there is a weekly Mass at Villagia Seniors Residence.

There is a funeral scheduled at the church on Friday, January 7th for Christine Crawford who was a resident of Old Ottawa East and a former parishioner.

Heather and our parish accountant, Christina Ullett, are preparing for the Financial Review in late February.

One of the main electrical lines going to the parish center failed on December 13, 2021. The parish centre has partial power and, due to supply chain issues, we are not sure when this will be fixed.

8. Finance Committee Report

Parish Council will need a new representative to attend the quarterly Finance Committee meetings.

9. Other

Action item: The pastoral team will investigate getting signs to warn parishioners of snow and ice falling off the church roof.

10. Next meeting: February 3, 2022, at 7pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm