

# **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2022

## **1. Prayer and Attendance**

Cheryl called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on February 3, 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, Angela Davis and Sue-Anne Hess.

Regrets: Nicola Whitehouse

**2. Agenda:** Addition: 9. Other: Bulletin item Approved by Anne Marie and Sue-Anne

**3. Approval of minutes:** Minutes from January 6 were approved by Sue-Anne and Angela.

## **4. Business arising**

### **4.1 2022 Elections: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary**

Chair: motion to nominate Cheryl by Angela and Sue-Anne. Cheryl accepted and her nomination was approved by all.

Vice-Chair: motion to nominate Mary by Angela and Anne Marie. Mary accepted and her nomination was approved by all.

**Action item:** Secretary: this position will be voted on in March after Nicola is contacted.

### **4.2 Truth and Reconciliation Committee**

The study group using the Listening to Indigenous Voices guide has started and has 14 participants. It will continue every second week until June. Maureen hopes to offer the study group again as there is a lot of information in the guide and she is learning as she goes. Maureen is also attending the sessions on the guide offered by the Jesuits.

The committee continues to meet and is discussing a meeting with Fr. Ken Thorson who is currently in Kenya. Fr. Ken is willing to meet once he is back in Ottawa.

### **4.3 Cookbook**

Forty copies of the cookbook have been sold and Frank Hegyi has ordered 20 more copies. Frank paid for the publishing of the first 40 copies. **Action item:** Heather will ask if Frank if he would like the parish to pay for future printings.

### **4.4 507 Sandwich Club**

Sue-Anne, Kelly, Adele and Richard (from Centre 507) will be drafting a corporate sponsorship application. Richard says that they would be open to another sandwich day if fundraising goes well and we exceed the \$12,000 that we are asking for.

Because we are one charity volunteering for another charity, the applications for grants are a little more difficult to fill out. Things need to be formalized before we apply for some grants.

St. Margaret Mary's suppers were funded by Bank St. merchants and parishioners. It was decided for now not to seek pre-made sandwiches as this takes away the community aspect of making the sandwiches.

#### **4.5 Synod**

The last Synod presentation was given last night by Dr. Cathy Clifford. The committee is now discussing how to do the small sharing circles. A small group training guide was put out by the Archdiocese for the facilitators of the sharing circles. There is always the option to send our report from the sharing circles directly to the Archdiocese and the Vatican. The committee has reached out through the local community newspapers to invite people who do not regularly attend church. The sharing circles will provide the opportunity for self-reflection for the parish and will provide us with feedback.

#### **4.6 Pastoral Plan Focus for 2022: how to engage more parishioners**

Heather shared a brochure from the Archdiocese on Evangelization that can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TCUiy9F0-Lhhh3WejXE1e0ZceRVbEplIXX3-3QIMrDo/edit?usp=sharing>

Our new committees, Synod committee and the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, are helping to reach more parishioners.

Our Pastoral Care Team continues to reach out to our older parishioners with visits, greeting cards, and delivery of our Epistle newsletter. This outreach should continue to those who cannot attend Mass.

The children of the parish are missing the Sunday Children's Liturgy group which will resume once we are able along with our Advent and Lenten Fairs. They are not as comfortable participating during the Zoom Sunday Liturgy with so many adults in attendance.

Suggestions of activities: Afternoon skate on the canal, decorate outside for Easter, Children's Liturgy via Zoom every other Sunday, outdoor activities for families, finding new and better ways to reach out to the children.

**Action item:** Reach out to newly confirmed to bring them into the Synod process.

Youth group will resume once a month when we are allowed to gather. Mary Dalipaj has offered to help with youth group.

National Catholic Reporter article on not abandoning Online Mass:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/people/quitting-online-church-abandoning-one-99>

The Immaculata chaplain, Leanne Davis, has been collaborating with Tim on the Synod process with the students at Immaculata.

**4.7 Ice and Falling Snow Signs:** the signs have been installed.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Ideas: A Wine and Cheese in May or Mass on the Grass (usually on Father's Day weekend) could incorporate a volunteer appreciation event. **Action item:** This will continue to be discussed in future meetings

### **5.2 Sacrament of Reconciliation times in bulletin**

When the bulletin was redesigned during the pandemic, the times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (10:30am on Tuesday, 4pm on Saturday, or please call the office) were removed. **Action item:** Heather will put them back in the bulletin and make sure that they are also on the website.

## **6. Pastoral Team Report**

Sacramental Preparation for First Communion continues. A student from Immaculata is helping lead this group. Maureen is getting good feedback from the parents and children.

We have 2 funerals in 2022 so far. Kelly's Funeral Home has commended us on our Covid protocols and how smoothly everything runs.

The electricity in the parish centre has not been repaired. The electrician is waiting on parts. We hope it will be repaired by the end of February. We are thankful for our volunteer who washes and irons our linen as we are currently unable to do this.

Heather has been busy preparing tax receipts and getting ready for our financial review at the end of February.

## **7. Finance Committee Report**

A budget meeting will be scheduled this month. Chad Glendinning has volunteered to be the PPC representative on the Finance Committee.

## **8. Next meeting:** March 3, 2022, at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm