

Parish council meeting October 6th 2022

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Khoury at 7:04

Present: Matlida Owolagba, Sue-Anne Hess, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, Chad Glendinning, Tim Coonen, Cheryl Khoury, Angela Davis, Heather Duggan, Nicola Whitehouse, Anne Louise Mahoney (guest,) Anthony Polci (guest)

Apologies: Mary Dalipaj

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome: Cheryl Khoury

2. Approval of agenda: Approved: Angela and Chad

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Approved: Anne Marie and Angela

4. Business arising:

4.1 Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC)/Archdiocese Reconciliation Fund campaign: Anthony and Anne Louise

TRC has drafted a letter in response to the Archdiocese special collection

Work has been done re. reconciliation Oblate apology, 3 weekends of awareness

Information on the special collection/campaign was sent to all the pastors and all the offices in the Archdiocese this week.

Premature asking for money when there is so much unknown about where we're at.

(Conversation about drafted letter) – TRC is not asking PPC to sign the letter. It will be sent in name of TRC. It is a valid position for the committee to take. The committee feels that the \$30 million should be taken from sale of assets such as St. Margaret Mary church. The Archdiocese and CCCB need to let parishioners know how the money that was donated in the last campaign was distributed and how decisions about this campaign will be decided.

Clergy conversation last week at Deanery meeting is reflected in the TRC letter. The clergy found that this was happening too soon as very little information had been shared with parishes.

The current campaign/collection in the Archdiocese will go to local organisations, applications from First Nations organizations will be considered. The Archdiocese has already committed \$250,000 to the current campaign. The campaign stretches over 2 years. Each parish will decide how much money it will try to raise.

TRC letter has a non-inviting tone. Would like it to be more respectful. Tone is important. We are seeking dialogue.

Challenging nature of the TRC letter is intentional. Information from Archdiocese had not been received when the letter was written.

Sharing of a range of views.

Will the parish be expected to support this letter? The answer is no, the TRC will send it in their name, but is still looking for support from the PPC for an edited letter to the Archdiocese, given the information recently shared with parishes.

Signatories of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (2007) include 8 Oblate entities. Tim was the OMI Lacombe treasurer at the time. Well over half of the \$29 million came from Oblate entities. In kind services were also covered during the last national fundraising campaign.

Action item: Tim to email final release from Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to PPC.

The Archdiocese has been slow in getting us information. Tim supports a consultative body.

Action item: Anne-Louise and Anthony will go back to the TRC , edit the letter and send the draft to PPC.

The parish will delay the collection by one week and have it on November 11/12.

Materials will be shared starting the weekend of October 15/16

PPC agreed to delay commencement by one week. Tim may still speak to it this weekend at Masses.

4.2 Profiles and Pictures for Bulletin Board

Heather has found pictures of all PPC members. They're up in the Church foyer.

Action item: If you would like to provide Heather with a new photo, please email it to her.

5.1 Synodal Retreat

Friday December 9th during the day seems to work for most for the retreat to discuss the next steps in the Synodal process at the parish level.

We can invite new pastoral council members as nominations close on November 17th

Sue-Anne and Pam to bring brilliant ideas.

5.2 Call out for new PPC members

Parishioners can self-nominate, and current members should be tapping people on the shoulder and asking if would be willing to be nominated.

Action item: Nominations are due to the office by Nov 17th

6. Pastoral Team Report

Tim: We got a quote on fixing the kneelers. Finance council approved.

First masses for Immaculata High school were this week. Three baptisms on Sunday.

Memorial Mass on All Saints Day, Nov. 1st at 7pm – the parish invites those who have lost someone in the past year. Names are read and a candle brought forward. Followed by wine and cheese.

Heather: Dorothy Wood will lead two lectors' workshops on Oct. 26 and Nov. 9 at 7pm.

Matilda: we are looking for volunteers for different groups including faith formation committee, children's liturgy. We would like to get the children more involved and start Lunch and Learn again.

Pastoral care – Matilda is currently taking the pastoral care course which she needs to complete before she can go and visit parishioners in retirement residences or in their homes. Rosemarie and Jane make the visits currently.

7. Other:

Suggestion: Put names of children receiving sacraments in the bulletin.

Does Tim need/want a Eucharistic minister at weekend Masses?

Fr Tim – Ordination anniversary tomorrow, October 7 😊

8. Next meeting: November 3 at 7pm

8. Final prayer: Fr Tim

Meeting adjourned at 9pm