

## **Parish council meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **Meeting called to order by Cheryl Khoury at 7:06 pm**

**Present:** Heather Duggan, Sue-Anne Hess, Pamela Dixon (guest), George Cameron-Caluori (guest), Cheryl Khoury, Tim Coonen, Chad Glendinning, Matilda Owolagba, Adele Casuga, Anne Louise Mahoney (guest), Angela Davis, Mary Dalipaj, Nicola Whitehouse, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller

### **Apologies:**

**1. Opening Prayer and introductions:** Cheryl Khoury

**1.1 Additions to the agenda:** Welcoming Adele and Matilda to the parish

**2. Approval of agenda:** Sue-Anne and Mary

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Angela and Nicola

### **4. Business arising:**

#### **4.1 Truth and Reconciliation Committee:**

George: refers to email previously shared with PPC.

1. Reason behind survivor's flag: Stephanie Scott made a gift to Pope Francis. Excerpt is in email. Message is that survivors are here, attempts to destroy Indigenous culture have not succeeded. Indigenous culture is here to stay. \*Demonstrates flag and different elements contained on it\*
2. Cost of flag \$113. Needs to get some mounting rings \$50 or \$60
3. Setting up of flag on flagpole – below the Canadian flag.  
Share explanation with the Parish on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September?

Anne-Louise – themed liturgies for the next 3 weeks

Week 1 Listening (Ken Thorson)

Week 2 Learning with open hearts

Week 3 Walking together – Joe Gunn

Flag is an important symbol for the church and the neighbourhood

Fr Tim – should we mount a second flagpole? Not sure how long the Survivors Flag is going to fly so it will fly instead of the Canadian flag on the existing flagpole. It is not possible to fly 2 flags on the existing pole. The church is not required to fly a Canadian flag.

Motion in favour of continuing to support work and initiatives of TRC committee including purchase of flag and mounting rings and liturgical initiatives focusing on reconciliation.

Motion by Angela Davis, Seconded by Sue-Anne

\* Further discussion regarding concerns around causing further grief to Oblate community \*

Motion passed by vote.

#### **4.2 Profiles and Pictures for Bulletin Board** in church foyer.

Angela has volunteered (Cheryl to help) to gather photos and put them in the existing frame.

### **5. New Business:**

#### **5.1 Continuing down the Path of Synodality**

Speaker: Pam Dixon

#### Positives:

Several preliminary meetings to get the report done

Using good parish resources

Educating facilitators and note-takers for consistency

Responsive and flexible with meetings to achieve the goal

Report generated for the diocese and one more detailed report for the parish.

The Synod Committee has not met recently.

#### Challenges:

Despite all the meetings, not sure committee members were all on the same page

Different understandings of collaboration, decision-making, leadership, etc

Miscalculated the number of meetings needed to collate feedback

Each committee member took a question. Siloed and not a lot of collaboration

Struggled with own biases – always a challenge

Synodality is now a multi-layered term, similar to the word, mission.

What can PPC do to continue Synodality at the parish level? Welcome people back to the church, welcome everyone to the table.

It was suggested that a retreat for PPC members be held this fall to look at the Synod reports from our parish, the Archdiocese and the CCCB. PPC members agreed that the retreat was a good idea and it would help us become a better parish.

#### Archdiocese's Synod report:

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/25817/documents/2022/6/Synodal%20Sythesis%20-%20Archdiocese%20of%20Ottawa-Cornwall.pdf>

#### CCCB Synod report:

<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/25817/documents/2022/9/Synod%20on%20Synodality%20-%20EN%202022-08-31-3.pdf>

### 5.2 Call out for new PPC members

Angela and Nicola are ending their three-year term at the end of December.

2-3 New members for January 1<sup>st</sup>. As stated in our Constitution, "The Council is composed of five to nine members".

### 6. Pastoral Team Report

Tim: Reopening – slowly re-opening, increase in attendance

Coffee and cookies are back!

Music ongoing is a huge gift

Adele has set a calendar for sacramental prep (communion, confirmation, reconciliation)

Booking weddings and baptisms. Good signs.

Need to re-emphasise RCIA

Looking mostly at the next three months – two new staff (great hope)

Heather: Busy, but good. 😊

Matilda: Has been reviewing different committee reports.

Will go with Rosemarie to Villagia

Works with McE also in liturgy etc.

Adele: Started to prepare the calendar – various forms of outreach

Confirmation prep – October – December

Will engage with local schools

Will reach out through local Facebook pages and will discuss with the Pastoral Team about setting up an Instagram account for the church.

Baptism prep is slightly less formal, but some resources for a sit-down with parents.

#### **7. Other:**

Welcome for Adele and Matilda. Can we commission them at Mass (with cake)?

Pastoral Team will schedule the commissioning.

**8. Next meeting:** October 6th

**8. Final prayer:** Fr Tim

**Meeting closed at 8:44**