

Parish council meeting June 9th, 2022

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Khoury at 7pm

Present: McE Galbreath (Guest), Sue-Anne Hess, Chad Glendinning, Fr. Tim Coonen, Anne Louise Mahoney (Guest), Heather Duggan, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, Cheryl Khoury, Maureen Cerroni, Mary Dalipaj, Angela Davis

Apologies: Nicola Whitehouse

1. Opening Prayer: McE – Laudato Si

Additions to the agenda: Pictures or profiles for Parish Council on bulletin board in church – will address if we have time under Other Business. Otherwise, we'll discuss by email.

2. Approval of agenda: Anne Marie and 2nd Sue-Anne

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Mary, 2nd Cheryl

4. Business arising:

4.1 Truth and Reconciliation Committee: Anne Louise gave a summary of activities and directions since commencing in October 2021. They've been meeting approximately once per month to discuss priorities. They have four streams of focus:

1. Communications within the parish and wider community
2. Collaboration with ministries,
3. Education regarding Canada's history, colonization, and residential schools
4. Engaging with Oblate leadership.

1st priority – engage with leadership

April 6th: Committee met with Frs. Ken Thorson and Richard Beaudette. Good conversation, cordial and supportive. Discussed issuing a new apology (original in 1991); release of Oblate records (currently underway), engaging laity in Oblate parish to keep them in the loop.

Now just looking at what more can be done, going forward.

Donna Naughton from the Kateri Native Ministry attended the June meeting. Her advice is to keep the good and let go of the rest. Her suggestions also included writing our MP, attend a Pow Wow, and participate in the book study.

The book study has its last session on June 13th. Maureen will offer this book study again.

Anne Louise encouraged PPC and the pastoral team to donate to the Kateri Native Ministry or other charities that help the Indigenous community.

4.2 Mass on the Grass: Heather is finalizing the grocery list, and will mail it out to the shoppers. Immaculata is good to go for use of their front lawn, BBQ and electricity. A lot of the work is done on the day!

4.3 Hiring Committee: Update on the Hiring committee – several applicants, but only one resume has been received so far. Hiring committee: Cheryl, Jane, McE, Tim, Heather, John Renken. Sue-Anne to act as backup on hiring committee. Job description has been posted through the Catholic Register, Archdiocese Friday Facts, Facebook page, St. Joe's bulletin, Dominican College, St. Paul University, Net Ministries, and Catholic Christian Outreach.

5. New Business

5.1. *Laudato Si* Care for Creation (McE). Heather and McE both serve as Care for Creation reps for our parish. McE have been acting on the youth front but not much progress has been made. Formal request from the archdiocese which included a *Laudato Si* action platform document. Calls for each parish to adapt activities for the 7-year plan. Link to document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xGAtSszkHnICQGNFwdiVMzgzNIBfA5nM/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101673396251463849854&rtpof=true&sd=true>

8 objective areas:

1. Response to the cry of the earth
2. Response to the cry of the poor
3. Simple lifestyles
4. Ecological education
5. Ecological economics
6. Ecological spirituality
7. Reconciliation
8. Community engagement and participatory action.

Official launch Sept 2022. Archdiocese will present the action platform. Will provide with support to our ministries through parishes that may be ahead of us. Over the summer, how can we use the 8 objectives as a structure for our parish. Wants to review the parish plan in light of *Laudato Si* plan.

McE to spearhead a review of the parish plan. Working with other parishes, St Basil's, St Joe's.

Suggestion: to use what we already have (TRC group, Dev. and Peace). John Dorner is a great resource! Joe Gunn (Centre Oblat). McE to return in September with more info.

Motion: McE to return and investigate *Laudato Si* alignment with organizations within the parish.

Moved: Angela. Seconded Anne Marie and Mary

5.2 Environmental Stewardship: Angela to share – defers to *Laudato Si*. Happy to see that we will be working together.

Do we need a committee to look at the greening of the church? Maybe leave it with the finance committee and may integrate with *Laudato Si*.

5.3 Feedback on Easter Triduum: Given to Cheryl and Anne Marie. Concerns were raised about variations in the service, some elements missed. In future, feedback can be directed to liturgy committee and pastoral team as needed.

6. Pastoral Team Report

Pastoral life is blooming. Pastoral team was contacted by the Greystone rehab centre re: meeting with residents. Baptisms coming up and weddings planned (which had been delayed). Burial in a couple of weeks.

Maureen: Launched parish synod report. Made it more readable for the parish. Great piece of work. Parish really stepped up. Huge response.

Maureen highlights: Pizza party for volunteers went well, blessing of volunteers. This Sunday – last of the 1st communion candidates.

Heather: Annual report for 2021 was sent out to parish via email. Sound system died today. Richard set up one speaker and a couple of microphones to use while the mixer has gone out to be fixed.

7. Other: Thanks to Maureen for her spirit and energy during a difficult time.

8. Final prayer: Fr. Tim

Next meeting – 8th of September.

Meeting closed at 7:59pm.