

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

February 9 2023 via Zoom because of weather conditions

Present:

PPC members: Fr. Tim Coonen, Sr. Matilda Owolagba, Heather Duggan, Sue-Anne Hess, Anthony Zoccoli, Cheryl Khoury, Chad Glendinning, , Peter Brimacombe, Mary Dalipaj, Grace Bruno, Anne-Marie Miller
Guests: Anne Louise Mahoney, Joseph Duggan, Rosemarie Hoey, Angela Davis, McE Galbreath; John Renken
Adele Casuga Lalonde

Goals of the meeting

1. To introduce pastoral council members to representatives of parish committees and vice versa
2. To reflect on our journey through and post (hopefully) COVID
3. To "check-in" with each committee on what's going well, what is a challenge, and how (if at all) parish council can offer support
4. To reflect on the parish pastoral plan (2020-2025) and its implications for 2023.

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1. Check-in with each committee/ministry representative in attendance.

Finance Committee (Joseph Duggan)

-committee is going well. Different from others because doesn't report directly to PPC, Chad attends the FC minutes as the PPC rep.

-Have been meeting on Zoom so are missing human contact and walk around the parish

-hoping to invite a couple of new members (nothing out of the ordinary)

Pastoral Care Team (Rosemarie Hoey)

-work has been high risk because of contact and context in which it operates and what we have to do. It can turn into a 24/7 experience.

-COVID has been extra challenging because of involvement with long-term care homes, retirement residences and hospital; not all members are comfortable going into all settings

-it is a ministry of presence and can be a wonderful experience

-work is dearly needed; there are five core members; new members are needed (open to anyone 18+ who is willing to take the Pastoral Care course). One hour/week commitments after training would be helpful.

-would be nice to return to visiting in pairs (buddy system)

-the team is achieving their core 6 objectives; lots of facilities and residences are being visited, as well as homes (some parishioners live far and wide (e.g., Carp and Kanata)

-group has materials to share on self-care and outreach

-many people suffer from loneliness and being able to talk to someone is important

-recommendation to Parish Council: complete overhaul of Parish directory (29 pages) and if each member could connect with 20 or 30 people to match names and faces

-reminder: December 2023 - 70th anniversary of our church - would be a wonderful way to link with retired parishioners. Many would have wonderful tales to tell.

Truth and Reconciliation Committee (Anne-Louise Mahoney)

-started in the pandemic so they have only ever met via Zoom

-going well: extremely engaged and energized, very slight change in the committee; strong energy and commitment; pastoral council, pastoral team and parishioners have been very supportive

-some activities of this year: themed weekend masses leading up to September day for Truth and Reconciliation and the Feast of Canadian Martyrs; prayer service before Pope's visit

-challenge - feel under confident, were given encouragement from Kateri Native Ministry to keep going, be respectful and keep learning.

-Parish Council can continue to support by keeping this issue in mind when making plans, being open and supportive of proposed activities. Calm presence of Sr Matilda appreciated.

Communications Committee (Sheila Foy Connolly (email notes) and Anne-Louise Mahoney)

-dormant committee over pandemic; Heather took on lots of the communication throughout the pandemic

-publish Epistle newsletter four times per year

-shout out to Adele for highlighting parish work in the MainStreeter community newspaper

- will need some new committee members

-please keep the group in mind if there are communication needs

-the group would be happy to welcome a PPC liaison member to the communication committee

Saturday Pizza Night (Sheila Foy Connolly, Nancy MacDonald (email notes))

-Pizza Night is held on the first Saturday of every month (October to June), after 5 pm Mass. This regular event provides connections in an informal setting.

-Truly appreciate the financial support from the Parish that we need to continue.

-There is a lot of informal discussions between parishioners that happens throughout Pizza Night

Development and Peace (Angela Davis)

-Anne Dorner is stepping down as chair so a new chair will need to be found.

-the need for this work will never go away; working in a loving and supportive way is important

-grateful to parish, and its commitment to social justice

-Parish Council does a fabulous job and its support is really appreciated. The Committee feels the door is also open to bring something to Council if needed.

-Shout out to Heather for her communications support.

507 Sandwich Club (Adele Casuga Lalonde)

-number of volunteers has doubled

-grants support the work (4K from retired teachers and \$500/month from Centre 507)

-areas of growth: Villagia and Immaculata have signed up teams to make sandwiches. This is a great community building program.

-there is space for more growth - there are lots of volunteers and with some financial support from council, the group could make more sandwiches on more days. There is room to do more.

Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word/Youth Group (McE Galbreath)

-really missed throughout the pandemic but have now returned to two Sundays per month

-Youth gathered twice a year since the pandemic and were involved in the synodal process. They will gather again Feb 17th to begin to create a program based on their issues and input.

Liturgy Committee (McE Galbreath)

-works with pastoral team throughout the year on logistics, including music and liturgical environment.

Liturgical environment would welcome new members.

Laudato Si 7-Year Plan (McE Galbreath)

-last June Council agreed to use the *Laudato Si* 7-year Plan (as suggested by the archdiocese) as an umbrella to fit over many current and on-going initiatives

Link to document:

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-the hope is that going forward, working with Sr Matilda, that each of our committees and ministries will contribute to *Laudato Si* - so it doesn't add another requirement, but makes the best use of the volunteer support we have

-more info coming in the bulletin

Synod Committee (John Renken)

-synodality goes on and Council can assist by modelling and encouraging synodality

-scope is broad, but task is to put itself out of business when synodality is being lived in all aspects of our lives and ministry

- to be together, to be involved, to listen

- living as church

Faith Formation Committee (Matilda Owolagba)

-Pat LaViolette has agreed to join the committee.

-need: a chairperson for the committee as Dorothy Wood has stepped down

-planning a Lenten workshop for the parish, and future planning after that

Mass Coordinators (Matilda Owolagba)

-very grateful to those who have been helping to setup masses

-there are three volunteers for Saturday Masses

-need: 1-2 volunteers to support the single currently volunteer for Sunday Masses

Greeters (Matilda Owolagba)

-grateful to greeters who help because this is first impression of people coming into the church

-some weekends we don't have greeters

-need: more greeters

Lectors (Matilda Owolagba)

-lectors have been great!

Sacramental Preparation (Adele Casuga Lalonde)

-the team has a passionate group of parishioners sharing their faith

-newly confirmed Christians are now involved in the parish with Sacramental prep and Children's Liturgy on Sundays

-one of the major ideas has been around "welcome home" (to youth and parents) and this has been effective with amazing feedback from parents

-support: pray for ministry, catechists and candidates and talk us up to members of the community

2. All other agenda items were moved forward to the March meeting.

3. Next meeting: March 2nd at 7pm (in-person or Zoom to be determined.)