

Canadian Martyrs Parish council meeting

12th January 2023

Present: Matilda, Sue-Anne, Grace, Peter, Cheryl, Heather, Chad, Tim, Mary, Anne Marie, and Anthony (present for vote)

Apologies: Adele

7:06 meeting opened by Cheryl

1. Opening prayer: Cheryl

2. Approve agenda: Sue-Anne and Chad Adding to New Business: Conversation around OOECA. Item 6.3 under New Business

3. Approve minutes: Chad and Cheryl

4. 2023 Elections Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Secretary – Cheryl: Sue-Anne proposed, Chad seconded

Vice-chair – Mary to continue: Sue-Anne proposed, Grace seconded.

Chair – Sue-Anne: Anthony proposed, Chad seconded.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Welcome to new members: Anthony, Grace, Peter. Council introduces themselves

5.2 Truth and reconciliation committee – No committee members present. Defer to update for next meeting.

5.3 Synodality: “What are we doing with synodality”?

Synodality is a process. It’s about listening. It’s about where faith and life meet. Does our catholic “doing” get in the human “being”. Take some time to think this through and get some feedback from the synodal committee – might be important to have a body that keeps synodality current.

Fr. Tim mentioned our Sunday “lunch and learns” which took place on the 3rd Sunday of the month (prior to Covid). There were a place to speak and to listen. We hope to re-start the faith formation gatherings during Lent.

Opportunities for faith formation. Dorothy Wood has stepped down as Chair of the Faith Formation Committee. Matilda says there is movement towards bringing the committee back and new members are being sought.

Action item: Sue-Anne to check in with the Synod committee.

5.4 Call for volunteers – Mary and Chad were to contact committee chairs as a previous action item. Will defer to next meeting so they have more time.

Floated the idea of an open house after Sunday Mass for a volunteer recruitment drive. Help parishioners put faces to the committees.

Action Item: Mary and Chad to follow-up. Cheryl will Invite all the chairs of parish committees/ministries to our next meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Terms of engagement.

Action Item: New PPC members to review and sign paperwork that has been sent by email. Forward signed docs to Heather.

6.2 Pastoral Plan focus for 2023 – Intent to discuss more concretely next meeting. Will fit well with discernment around next steps for synodality.

Action Item: Committee members to review Pastoral Plan document (forwarded by email and link below) and come to next meeting prepared to discuss.

6.3 Discussion around Old Ottawa East Community Foundation to be deferred to next month.

7. Pastoral Team Report:

Tim:

Christmas holidays were busy.

Church attendance was more than was expected, coming alive, celebrations were nourishing.

Thinking about re-energizing the choir – but vulnerability to COVID. Taking gradual steps

Matilda:

Completed pastoral care program.

Goes to give Communion weekly at retirement and continuing care homes

Faith formation committee – meeting with Pat LaViolette

Archdiocese *Laudato Si* Seven Year Plan is being spearheaded by McE Galbreath with help from the Development and Peace Committee and other parish groups. This is an ongoing process which is just starting.

Adele:

(Written report) 2 baptisms, 13 confirmations, children's liturgy restarted Jan 15th and Jan 29th.

Reconciliation and 1st Communion Prep classes will be held Feb- May on Saturday afternoons.

8. Other: Next meeting will be in person – people to assist with rides and driving, as needed.

9. Next Meeting, Feb 9th at 7pm at the parish centre.

10. Closing Prayer:– Fr Tim

Meeting closed at 8:24pm