

# Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

April 13, 2023

Attendance: Tim Coonen, Heather Duggan, Matilda Owolagba, Chad Glendinning, Grace Bruno, Anthony Zoccoli, Cheryl Khoury

Regrets: Peter Brimacombe, Sue-Anne Hess, Mary Dalipaj

## 1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** Approved: Grace and Anthony

3. **Minutes:** The minutes from March 2023 were approved: ??

## 4. Business arising:

### 4.1 Pastoral Plan – focus for 2023.

Building Community – we need to be more noticeably active in the community.

We could:

Rummage Sale or bake sale during the Main Event, Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> **Action item:** Anthony  
Invite community to Mass on the Grass and hold it in a local park. It was ultimately decided that Mass on the Grass should remain a parish event.

Better signage at breezeway doors to welcome people **Action item:** Heather and Tim

Participate in Doors Open Ottawa in 2024: <https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/doors-open-ottawa> **Action item:** Cheryl

Mass mailings with other churches in the neighborhood or do these flyers just end up in the recycling bins.

The Big Give: ask the Ottawa Chinese Bible Church about this and other activities. This year the Big Give is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. <https://thebiggive.ca/> **Action item:** Heather

Get together with other churches in the neighborhood. **Action item:** Pastoral Team

Who is our target audience?

Restart the children's choir in September. **Action item:** Grace will investigate starting a string ensemble.

Alpha program

Immaculata involvement – invite chaplain, Leanne Davis, to speak with PPC.

Volunteer card for pews **Action item:** Sue-Anne and Heather

Truth and Reconciliation Committee has been in conversation with Ascension Church

## 5. New Business:

5.1 Commissioning of Parish Council with a Meet and Greet after Mass. Date: May 7<sup>th</sup> if that works for most members.

5.2 Mass on the Grass

Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>: Groceries, BBQ, and set-up and clean-up. Cheryl will send out the Google doc for people to sign up to help.

5.3 PPC donation allocations: \$6000 to donate to charities. Motion to give \$500 to each of the charities that we supported in 2022: Chad and Anthony, approved by all.

5.4 Volunteer Appreciation event: will ask Pizza night team if it can be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the regular monthly pizza night.

## **6. Pastoral Team Report**

Faith Formation Committee met in March and have another meeting scheduled for April 18. Pat LaViolette has agreed to be chair. They are looking at different topics for a presentation at a Lunch and Learn in May. They did not receive many responses to their survey.

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee is looking for some youth to join the committee. The next meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tim and Matilda celebrated Mass at the Windsor Park retirement residence. The 30-40 residents that attend are very appreciative.

Holy Week went well. It felt like we are finally getting beyond Covid. The parishioners seemed very engaged, and the singing was wonderful.

The recent funeral of parishioner, Lorna Kelly, was well attended. Lorna was 103 years old.

From Adele via email: We have 9 candidates for first communion and 10 for reconciliation. We have 3 sessions remaining in the program. There will also be one session in June to reflect on our first communion experience, and assemble birthday kits for underprivileged children, as part of our corporal works of mercy.

Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday May 2 at 7pm with Fr Tim.

Families have chosen Saturday or Sunday masses in the month of May for their children's first communion.

I would like to take some time in the summer to think about how else we can go about promoting our sacramental prep programs. This year, we ran print ads and community listings in the Mainstreeter, OSCAR and Glebe Report, as well as individual school outreach.

This summer, I will also take time to plan Advent Fair and Lenten Fair, to make implementation easier when the time comes.

**7. Finance Committee Report:** No report, Finance committee meets on April 25th

**8. Other**

**9. Next Meeting:** May 4 at 7pm (hybrid?)