

# Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

March 2, 2023

Attendance: Tim Coonen, Heather Duggan, Matilda Owolagba, Sue-Anne Hess, Chad Glendinning, Mary Dalipaj, Grace Bruno, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, Anthony Zoccoli, Cheryl Khoury

Regrets: Peter Brimacombe

## 1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** 8. Discuss in-person meetings and Anne Marie would like a minute

3. **Minutes:** The minutes from February 2023 were approved: Anne Marie and Mary

## 4. Business arising:

### 4.1 Discussion on synodal activities / ideas

Many attended Part 1 of the "Enlarging your Tent" program at St. Paul University. The parish was well represented.

Are we planning to continue with a Synod Committee? How do we continue with the Synodal process as a parish? It may be useful to have a couple people to coordinate us and keep the subject before us. We need to keep thinking: are we doing this in a synodal way?

Suggestion to have a Lunch and Learn discussion about what came out of the report that the parish prepared. Interest in continuing practice of synodality with the wider parish

### 4.2 Follow-up from introduction to Parish Committees

It is possible that we missed some groups (e.g., deaf liaison)

We are blessed to have many devoted people doing lots of committee work. While the generosity of several people was evident by their representation of several committees, we should think ahead to encourage and be welcoming to others who may wish to participate.

We could consider a meet and greet, personal announcements from committees/teams at Mass, information sheets to hand out at Mass, or other activities or channels of communications to identify volunteers and facilitate learning.

**Action item:** Blessing and commissioning of the PPC will happen in the spring during the Easter season.

### 4.3 Recognizing parishioners who have stepped down from roles on committees.

April 16-23 is National Volunteer Week - could we do something during Masses to celebrate our volunteers: mention in prayer of the faithful, etc. Have a general celebration.

We could also consider handwritten notes, specific to Anna Dorner and Dorothy Wood.

A card of support from the PPC will be sent to the Dorners.

**Action item:** Sue-Anne and Mary will put together an information sheet with details of the committees and teams that need new members to be distributed at Masses.

## 5. New Business:

### 5.1 Pastoral plan focus for 2023

Rebuilding and refocusing; volunteers and welcoming. Highlight what we want to do this year.

Break down the plan into smaller pieces for discussion at future meetings. Take one section as an agenda item at each meeting.

**Action item:** Send out a reminder a week before the meeting. Start with page 10 of the plan, “Being a Community of Faith”

## **6. Pastoral Team Report**

We have had a couple funerals in the past month and there will be a funeral for a St. Rene Goupil community member on Saturday presided by Fr. Peter Monty.

Our annual financial review begins on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sacramental prep has a wonderful energy, as does the return of Children’s Sunday Liturgy of the Word. We will wait until September (perhaps) to start the percussion group and the children coming forward for the Lord’s prayer.

Lenten program on the Liturgy of Lent with Fr. Norm Bonneau went very well and was well attended both virtually and in-person.

The procession with the gifts at the weekend Masses has resumed.

Youth Group had a meeting in February for the first time in a long time and there was lots of energy for different programs, beginning with The Stations of the Cross led by the youth on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Liturgy Committee will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss Holy Week.

Shout out to Mary for filling a needed role as a greeter at weekend Masses.

Annual Parish Report to the Archdiocese was completed by the Pastoral Team and sent into the Archdiocese.

## **7. Finance Committee Report: Chad**

Finances are in good shape, Committee is looking for one member, Parish renovations/upkeep discussed. There was an overwhelming response to the Archdiocese Fund in support of Reconciliation. There will be a report to the parish in May or June.

## **8. Other**

In person meetings: hybrid meetings may be the best going forward because of practicalities, especially in the winter months.

**Action item:** It will be decided at the April meeting if the May meeting will be in-person.

Anne-Marie announced to group that she is stepping down from PPC.

## **9. Next Meeting: April 13 at 7pm via Zoom**