

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

September 7, 2023

Attendance: Tim Coonen, Heather Duggan, Grace Bruno, Anthony Zoccoli, Cheryl Khoury, Sue-Anne Hess
Regrets: Mary Dalipaj, Peter Brimacombe, Chad Glendinning, Matilda Owolagba

1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** Add Laudato Si to 6. Other. Approved by : Grace and Anthony

3. **Minutes:** The minutes from June 2023 were approved by all

4. New Business:

4.1 Sandwich Club

Adele would like to step down as administrator as she has started a full-time teaching job. There have been some problems over the last year with grocery lists being inaccurate and therefore items are purchased that are not needed, which drives the cost of the program up, driving/walking conditions being dangerous in the winter months. To be considered: Lorenzo will deliver all the ingredients to the parish centre, and we will offer either pick up of ingredients at the parish on Thursdays or in-person sandwich making on Thursdays at either 1:30pm or 7pm. Ingredients would still be delivered to the volunteers at Villagia and Immaculata would continue to pick up their ingredients on Thursdays from the parish centre.

Action item: Grace will speak with Adele.

4.2 Big Give 2023 Planning

The Big Give happens on the first weekend in June (June 1 in 2024). The parish could plan to have a giveaway yard sale, musicians in the church, baking table etc. **Action item:** Cheryl and Grace offered to help plan this event.

4.3 Parish Anniversary

The first Mass at the church building was on December 24, 1953. This would be the 70th anniversary of that Mass. PPC will look at doing something to commemorate this anniversary.

Action item: Anthony will work on this event with Heather's help.

4.4 2023-2024 PPC Calendar

Action items: Heather will share the link to the calendar with PPC members. Sue-Anne will take a closer look at it and add or highlight important dates; look at priorities.

4.5 Synodality Update – Sue-Anne

The Synod committee had a meeting in late August. Their discussion included: making PPC more visible in the parish, making PPC minutes available to the parish soon after each meeting and invite comments/suggestions from parishioners (the minutes are currently posted to the website and added to a binder on the Welcome Table after they are approved). Pray for the current Synod meeting which Cathy Clifford (parishioner and prof at St. Paul) is attending. Grow the understanding of what synodality is to us. Have a Synod event at the parish perhaps during Advent for the December Lunch and Learn (Dec. 17th), ask John Renken if he will speak.

4.6 T&R update - Anthony

The committee met on Sept. 6. The committee discussed: Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 30, the LTIV study group will start on Oct. 4, What to do next. Parishioners are invited to do the Land Acknowledgement before Mass.

It was suggested at the PPC meeting that the organize field trips to indigenous events happening in Ottawa. Parishioners would meet at the church and carpool to the event together. Tim has been meeting with Tom Scott about a proposed healing forest along the Rideau River in OOE.

5. Pastoral Team Report

Weekend Masses are returning to pre-Covid practices i.e. percussion, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, children coming forward for the Lord's prayer etc.

RCIA program: we have new parishioners who are interested in becoming Catholic. Grace and Pat LaViolette may be interested in developing a program for the parish. The program would be promoted within the parish.

Windows in the sacristy were replaced this week.

Lunch and Learn on Sept. 17th with the Multifaith Housing Initiative

Feast of Canadian Martyrs Mass on Sept. 26th at 7pm

Season of Creation ecumenical service on October 3rd at 7pm. Neighboring churches have been invited to attend and participate.

6. Other

Laudato Si: the parish has been focusing on the Season of Creation. The minutes from the last liturgy committee meeting were shared with PPC.

October agenda should include the call for new PPC members to start in January 2024

7. Next Meeting: October 5th at 7pm.

We would like a volunteer for the opening prayer and a volunteer to bring a snack/goodies.