

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

October 5, 2023

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

Regrets: Grace Bruno, Mary Dalipaj (has stepped down from PPC)

1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** From minutes: action items – PPC calendar deferred to future meeting, approved by all

Minutes: The minutes from September 2023 were approved by email. They will be put on the website and parishioners will be invited to submit agenda items.

3. Business arising:

3.1 Synodality

Lunch and Learn on December 17th with Cathy Clifford.

Action item: Contact Cathy to see if she is available if she isn't, we will still do something on Synodality.

3.2 Parish Anniversary

Ideas: 70 small acts of kindness throughout the year; 70 conversations between parishioners; Christmas eve Mass event; display historical items in the month of December.

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

3.3 Big Give

This event happens on the first Saturday of June. Start small (bake table, plant give away).

Action items: Contact neighbouring churches. Grace will contact the Chinese Bible Church as they have been doing a Big Event for several years.

4. New Business

4.1 PPC Nominations 2024

Cheryl and Mary's terms will be ending. Mary has already left PPC. An announcement will be put in the bulletin and nomination cards will be available on the Welcome Table. The Constitution has the process for PPC Nominations which were not followed during the pandemic.

Constitution (edited in 2018):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ENjdP1VmNqOCHyKNPDFBL9OhPX9xB3yV/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101673396251463849854&rtpof=true&sd=true>

4.2 PPC Role in the Parish

Advisory board to the parish and pastor, vital and active role, be present, initiate discussions, become more of a presence on committees, invite committees to give PPC feedback, sharing information between committees, support Pastoral Team, more dialogues, get an idea of the bigger picture, strong morale, and passion for parish, ask parishioners what they think PPC should do. The Pastoral Plan has our community's thoughts in it.

Summary:

A: dissatisfaction with Pastoral Plan

- B: need something guiding us
- C: continue receiving feedback from the parish
- D: where does PPC fit
- E: Pastoral Plan and Synod Report are PPC's roadmap

Action items: Have discussion at November meeting, review the parish's Synod report and Pastoral Plan before the meeting.

4.3 November event

Br. Bray, a visitor from Bethlehem University, who will be visiting St. Paul U. PPC will invite him to Mass on Saturday, November 25 with a gathering after Mass where he will speak.

Action items: Sue-Anne will be organizing this event with St. Paul U.

5. Pastoral Team Report

RCIA program being developed by a team that includes Matilda, Adele, Grace, and Pat.

The pride flag was taken down and will be put up again for pride month/pride day. We have had a handful of complaints from people driving by and a call from the Archdiocese. Our response has been that we are trying to be more welcoming, all are welcome.

Lector's workshops on Oct. 18 and Nov. 8

Faith Formation is organizing Lunch and Learns in October and December. November 19 will be the Advent Fair. The committee still needs a chair.

Pastoral Care: Masses continue weekly at Villagia. Tim has been presiding during the summer months. We have 3 dedicated volunteers.

Matilda visits Greystone on Fridays and there will be a monthly Mass there starting in November.

Eucharistic Ministers are once again serving at weekend Masses.

Altar Server training happened, and we have 2 new altar servers.

Confirmation Prep starts October 14.

- 6. Other:** Archdiocese workshop: Sue-Anne will get more information.

Next meeting: November 9 at 7pm (Tim will not be present)