

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

December 7, 2023

Attendance: Heather Duggan, Matilda Owolagba, Cheryl Khoury, Peter Brimacombe, Tim Coonen, Grace Bruno, Anthony Zoccoli, Matthew Iwueze, Sheila Foy-Connolly

Regrets: Chad Glendinning, Sue Anne (resigned from PPC in November)

1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** 5.2 Add: welcome to new members. Approved by Anthony and Peter

3. **Minutes:** The minutes from November 2023 were approved by email.

4. Business arising:

4.1 70th Anniversary of Church Building

There will be a special bulletin, a table at the back of the church with historical items, and a reception following Mass on December 10th. Fr. Tim will also include a special blessing at the Mass. In 7 years, we will celebrate 100-year anniversary of our parish.

4.2 Synod Lunch and Learn

There will be a Lunch and Learn on Sunday, December 17th with Dr. Cathy Clifford who will discuss her participation in the Synod Assembly in October 2023. The Synod Committee and the Faith Formation Committee will organize this event.

5. New Business

5.1 Chair position: Sue-Anne has stepped down as chair and resigned from PPC. Many thanks for her leadership. Peter has volunteered to be interim chair until the elections in January 2024.

5.2 Welcome to the new PPC members: Matthew and Sheila were introduced and welcomed. They will officially join PPC in January.

Action items: it was proposed to have a retreat in January to discuss PPC initiatives for 2024.

Where do we go from here?

Parish Photo Album: put on agenda in January for discussion.

6. Pastoral Team Report

- The Truth and Reconciliation Committee is organizing a retreat with Fr. Peter Bisson during Lent 2024. The Oblate Associates and St. Joe's parish will be invited. Will investigate using space at St. Paul University or at Immaculata if numbers require it.
- Confirmation was on November 26 with Archbishop Prendergast. Twenty-two young people were confirmed and there were over 300 people in attendance. The catechists did a wonderful job and the archbishop was pleased with the event. Adele has increased numbers of youth participating in sacramental prep by advertising at our local schools.
- Advent Reconciliation service on December 14 at 7pm
- Pizza night and Christmas carols was on December 2 and was well attended.

- Tim and Matilda had 2 Masses last month at retirement/rehab homes (Greystone, Windso Park). There will now be a monthly Mass at Greystone.
- Immaculata had their Feast Day Masses on December 7 with approximately 1,0000 students attending.

7. Next meeting: Thursday, January 11 at 7pm