

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 11, 2024

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

Guests: John Renken, Pamela Dixon, Erik Sorensen

1. **Prayer and Welcome:** John and Pamela are representing the Synod Committee and Erik is present to discuss how the parish can help with his doctoral thesis research on liturgy and interreligious dialogue with Indigenous peoples.
2. **Agenda:** approved by Anthony and Peter
3. **Minutes:** The minutes from December 2023 were approved by Anthony and Grace.
4. **Election of chair, vice chair, and secretary for 2024:** postponed until the February 1st meeting where the role of PPC will be discussed.
5. **Business arising (Action items)**
 - 5.1 **Pastoral Plan – Network with committees, annual parish meeting, expectations of PPC members, Outreach focus/volunteers.**

Action item: The annual parish meeting, expectations of PPC members and Outreach focus/volunteers were not discussed and will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

See notes on networking with committees in item 6.4.

5.2 Big Give and Main Event: briefly discussed if there was still interest in pursuing our participation in either of these events. It was proposed that we attend the Big Give event that is organized by the Ottawa Chinese Bible Church at 31 Graham Avenue to see how they organize their event. Will keep these events of the agenda for further discussion.

6. New Business

6.1 Synod Committee members presentation

The Synod Committee members are currently John Renken, Pamela Dixon, and Marilyn Muleski

What will the Synod Committee's direction and focus be going forward?

Possibilities: Hosting quarterly webinars, sharing resources, bulletin items, sharing the parish synod report with parishioners again, speaking at Mass.

People are in synod all the time, sharing and accompanying each other, weaving synodality into church life. Do parishioners know what synodality means? Does the parish invite parishioners to sharing circles again? This could be done in conjunction with Erik's research to give us some direction.

Have we lost the sense that everyone is equally in the church? Synodality should become part of our daily routine, walking together.

Next steps: Synod committee, Truth and Reconciliation Committee and Erik will get together and discuss a project for Lent. The Synod Committee will also work with the Laudato Si' team, will

continue to communicate with PPC, will publicize events/formation, will provide items for the bulletin, will look for more members and will redistribute the parish synod report to the parish (this report can be found here: <https://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>)

6.2 PPC Retreat

Where is PPC going? We have a successful parish. What will get more people involved?

Action item: Heather will put a list of our committees/ministries/teams and their current members on the Welcome Table and in the volunteer binder.

PPC's role is to coordinate between committees, represent the parish, support events and activities.

PPC will look at the synergy between PPC and other committees/ministries/teams

PPC workshop set for our next scheduled meeting on February 1 at 7pm.

Action item: Grace will invite John Renken to speak to us about the role of a parish council.

6.3 Photo directory: not discussed. **Action item:** Will be put on the next agenda

6.4 Reach out to chairs from committees/ministries to see how things are going, invite Finance to present at March meeting.

PPC plans to network with committees, ministries, and teams in 2024 to ask how they are doing and if there is anything that PPC can help with. **Action item:** This will be done by PPC members reaching out to the committees etc. or by inviting members of the committees etc. to a PPC meeting, such as was done during the February 9, 2023 meeting (minutes from the Feb. 9 meeting can be found here:

<https://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>

Action item: invite Finance committee to present at March meeting.

7. Pastoral Team Report

The Laudato Si' team is having a meeting on Tuesday, January 23 at 7pm to discuss the objectives in the Laudato Si' seven year plan with representatives from several parish committees/teams. Parish Council members are welcome to attend.

The Lunch and Learn with Dr. Cathy Clifford on Synodality was well attended. The parish will have a Lunch and Learn with Joe Gunn on January 21 on Care for Creation (Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum). The 70th anniversary celebration was well received with the history table and special reception and blessing.

Christmas Masses were well attended with 300+ people on Christmas Eve. The pageant photo slideshow was enjoyed by all and the children (and adults) had fun creating it. New Year's Masses were not as well attended but this is typical. They were nice celebrations.

8. Other

9. Next meeting: Our next meeting will be a special meeting to discuss the role of a parish council. February 1 at 7pm