

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022

1. Prayer and Attendance

Cheryl called to order a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at 7:00pm, on April 7, 2022 via Zoom. The following persons were present: Heather Duggan, Cheryl Khoury, Fr. Tim Coonen, Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller, Chad Glendinning, Angela Davis, Nicola Whitehouse and Sue-Anne Hess.

Regrets: Maureen Cerroni, Mary Dalipaj

2. Agenda: 8. Other add: Hybrid events Approved by Angela and Nicola

3. Approval of minutes: No approval of minutes as previous meeting was a Synod gathering.

4. Business arising

4.1 Truth and Reconciliation Committee TRC: Meeting with members of committee with Fr. Ken Thorson and Fr. Richard Beaudette. Fruitful, agreeable, open. Big focus of conversation was on how much attention has been paid to external communication in wider community. Internal communication needs to be considered and improved. More open and inclusive. Excellent listeners. Very professional and respectful.

Listening to Indigenous Voices group continues to meet every second Monday.

Next committee meeting – end April early May.

4.2 Synod – What now? Synodal discussion circles have wrapped up and the synod committee is in the process of drafting a document to be forwarded to the Archdiocese/Vatican.

Also to look at ways that Synod feedback can be fed back into the parish.

Possibility of a “synodal walk” after Mass on Sundays, COVID conscious way of continuing the discussion

Considered an event to present synthesized report back to the parish. Important to allow people time to discuss implications – facilitators could be involved.

Action Item: Sue-Anne to share ideas with Synod committee for action.

4.3 Follow-up Christmas Cards

Parish received a note of thanks for the Christmas card. The gesture resonated with people.

Shall we consider doing it again for Easter?

Pastoral Care Team will send out Easter Cards.

5. New Business

5.1 Volunteer Appreciation Event

Realizing that many volunteers will be helping with Mass on the Grass, it was decided to consider combining volunteer appreciation with a Saturday evening mass and pizza supper. June 4th is suggested.

Action Item: Heather to check in with Nancy to see if we can combine with Pizza Night after Mass.

5.2 Charitable Donations for 2022

The parish council has \$6150 from the interest on the parish's investments to donate this year. Cheryl had previously shared a list of 11 organizations that we had donated to last year. Organizations may rely on our annual donations, so it's good to be consistent. Considered options for disbursing additional funds. Decision carried over to future meetings.

Action Item: Cheryl will send out the list of charities from last year.

5.3 Alliance to End Homelessness

Centretown community churches are seeking signatories to this initiative. No financial involvement at this stage. Motion to support made by Angela, seconded by Anne Marie.

Action Item: Cheryl will email CCSAC.

5.4 Support for Ukrainian refugees

What, if anything, is the parish doing to support Ukrainians? Parish is currently committed to sponsoring a Syrian refugee family which will continue until October. Parish does not currently have financial capacity to support additional refugees, however a fundraiser with Fr. Richard Baudette who makes perogies could be explored or a clothing and/or furniture drive. There will be a community meeting on Monday 11th of April to consider possibilities.

5.5 Mass on the Grass 19th June 2022

We need to start to get tasks allocated.

Action Item: Heather to send out a list of tasks via Google docs for people to sign up.

6. Pastoral Team Report

With the lift of restrictions, parish is once again becoming busy. Numbers for both weekend and weekday mass are shooting up.

For the First Communion candidates, families select the Mass that works for them, rather than all children at one Mass. This ensures we don't max out our capacity.

Report back from Reconciliation Committee to parish.

We had 100+ participate in Synod discussions, which is well-represented

John Dorner's celebration was beautiful. Cautious about health problems and COVID, but a lovely simply event to honour him for his Papal medal.

Electricity has been thankfully restored to the parish centre.

The deck has been recently damaged by falling ice.

7. Finance Committee Report

The budget for 2022 was presented alongside budgets and actual numbers from the past 2 years. The parish was audited in 2019 and has since had a financial review annually.

Joseph Duggan and Christina Ullett will attend the May 5th PPC meeting to present the parish finances for 2021.

The parish has 45 parishioners using pre-authorized debits to make their monthly contributions to the church. Quite a few people are using Canada Helps to make one-time and monthly donations and we still have boxes of donation envelopes that about 60 families are currently using.

Big expenses for 2022 include flooring for the parish centre, electrical repairs for our mainline outage, and deck repairs.

8. Other business

Hybrid events? Streamed and in-person, particularly in the church. Need to be cognizant of ongoing COVID considerations. However, zoom liturgy is effective and worthwhile.

Considered technology needed for ongoing hybrid church events. We're not equipped, either by bandwidth or manpower. To get all the equipment required to livestream and a technician for the livestreamed events would be expensive.

Parish is not likely to invest in new technology, but we support the events that are currently ongoing and making them hybrid, if possible. The parish is looking into getting a modem for the church to increase the bandwidth in the church.

Room in basement used by Fr. Nicanor previously for online gatherings could be used for hybrid meetings as it is equipped with a large screen.

Inquiry from Pierre LaViolette re. equipment for hybrid events has been handed over to finance council for consideration.

9. Next meeting: May 5th, 7pm

Location: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm