

## Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

June 6, 2024

Attendance in-person: Peter Brimacombe, Grace Bruno, Heather Duggan, Tim Coonen, Matilda Owolagba, Sheila Foy-Connolly, Chad Glendinning

Regrets: Matthew Iwueze

**1. Welcome and Prayer:** Karen Johnstone-Hobbs was welcomed as the newest member of PPC.

**2. Minutes:** Minutes from May meeting approved with amendment of Finance Council notes by Joseph Duggan

Clarification from Tim: Oblates of Mary Immaculate - St Peter's Province is the name on the title of the church building and is the name you will see if the parish is investing money with the Oblates, making major repairs to the church buildings and on our insurance. OMI Lacombe Canada is the Oblate leadership and people. It is one of 3 Oblate provinces: Notre-Dame-du-Cap (French), Lacombe (English), and Assumption (Polish).

**3. Agenda:** approved by everyone

### 4. Business Arising

**4.1 Review/Update Constitution:** **Action item:** Heather and Grace will look at the constitution this summer and make some corrections/updates. <https://canadianmartyrs.org/our-parish/constitution/>

**4.2 Pastoral Plan Update for 2025-2030:** Tabled to next meeting. **Action item:** Please have a look at the Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 over the summer. The Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 can be found here: <https://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-plan-2020-2025/>.

**4.3 Mass on Grass:** **Action item:** Heather will email Immaculata to ask to borrow their BBQ and electricity. Grace will buy the groceries with the list provided by Heather. The youth group, choir and Mass coordinators will set up the Mass.

### 5. New Business

**5.1 Reports from Committees/Ministries:** Sheila contacted the Pastoral Care Team and the Pizza Team. The Pastoral Care Team is well organized and happy with how things are going. Anne Marie did mention that there is a need for more French speaking volunteers.

The Pizza Team will always welcome new volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up.

Grace reported on the 507 Sandwich Club. Two hundred sandwiches are made every Thursday from September – June. The club is running well with one monthly in-home sandwich making week and the rest in the parish centre with a dedicated group of volunteers. Sheila mentioned that we may be able to get funding from the Ottawa Food Bank.

Sheila suggested that PPC email the questions to the committees in April so that they can discuss them at an upcoming meeting. **Action item:** Sheila offered to edit the questions and send them out in March 2025.

**5.2 Charitable Giving for 2024:** The parish council has \$6000 (% of interest from parish investments) to distribute to local charities this year. It was decided that the money will be distributed as it was last year. Moved by Peter and approved by Sheila and Grace. All in favour. The document describing how the money will be distributed can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16GwU3QqzQbvoQZEjYTo6yWGRZZVe97t6/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=101673396251463849854&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## **6. Pastoral Team Report**

Matilda attended the archdiocesan Pastoral Day in May. The main topic for the day was Sacramental Preparation and developing a unified program for parishes in the archdiocese. Collaboration between the Ottawa Catholic School Board and parishes was also encouraged.

Immaculata High School Mass for the Graduating Class of 2024 was held at the church on May 30.

A wedding was celebrated at the Church on June 1 and we also had a baptism at the 5pm Mass.

Our monthly youth Mass will be on Sunday, June 23 at 7pm/

The Kateri Native Ministry Mass on June 2 was postponed until the fall.

The Lunch and Learn on Yoga and Religion was attended by a small group of people but was interesting and fun.

The Laudato Si' group will meet on June 25 at 7pm to prepare for the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 – Oct 4).

This week new carpet will be installed on the second floor and stairs of the parish centre.

We continue to rent the church space for evening recitals (local music teachers and the Ottawa Guitar Society).

## **7. Other**

**8. Next meeting:** September at 7pm.