



## OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by chairperson, Maureen Landry; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jim	Mary Ann Platz	Robert Gaudet
Leta Shannon	Louise Siracky	Jason Bodnar
Maureen Landry	Ron Dick	Fiona Wimmer
Helen Doyle	Linda Karpala	

2. The opening prayer was a gospel reading by Leta on the importance of faith

3. The agenda was amended to add: under #7(a) Information #2: Picnic update

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed

**5. Pastor's Report:** Father Jim advised that the Easter liturgies went well; a job description has been developed for the business manager's position, and it will be advertised shortly; on a sad note, Father Joe will be moving to Vancouver at the beginning of August; Father Raj will be going back to India in May, and Sister Gertrude will be going to Eastern Canada at the end of May. Father Jim has been appointed as the Vicar-General for the Edmonton Archdiocese.

### 6. Standing Reports:

a) Liturgy Council: Ron Dick advised that a meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to prepare for the Easter Triduum Masses; there will not be any sprinkling of water during the remainder of the Easter season; there will be a commissioning for all new ministers at the Masses on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended that a parish group assist with parking next year after the morning Masses on Easter Sunday due to congestion in the parking lot.

b) Finance Administration: Ron Ross submitted a report from the meeting held on March 20<sup>th</sup>; data has been gathered on the roofing problem and will be submitted to a number of engineering firms who will provide proposals for repair; a sub-committee will make recommendations to PPC on parish sacrificial giving; Father Jim is exploring the possibility of a separate collection once a month for Together We Serve; the annual financial report has been in the Bulletin and is posted on the website; a maintenance committee is being formed to make recommendations on facility usage and maintenance; rental rates for rooms and linens are being developed.

c) Parish/School Relations: Report submitted by Raylene: Priests are visiting schools on a regular basis; Archbishop Smith attended the Mass at ABJ on April 10<sup>th</sup>; ABJ students assisted with the Good Friday services at the 10:30 Mass; Confirmation was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>; First Communion will be held as a school community; the young disciples program will be finished on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Potluck suppers will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>

## **7. Information, Discussion, and Action:**

### **a) Information:**

1. Visioning Update: Robert advised that the team will review the strategic plans, and name leads for each of the 8 elements; training will be provided to the leads and the plan will go back to the original group.
2. Picnic update: Linda advised that a meeting was held on March 27<sup>th</sup>; K of C will provide the barbecue food, set-up and bouncy castle; CWL will provide desserts; students from ABJ will assist; Carol Brossard will assist with balloons and face-painting; picnic will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>; it was recommended that the picnic be listed in the call to ministry for next year to encourage more volunteers.

### **b) Discussion/Action:**

- i. QuidNovum: Leta will ensure that information from OLPH is posted on the website; concern was expressed re some of the activities of contracted partners of Development and Peace; funds are currently being withheld from that organization; there will be a panel discussion here on euthanasia on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
- ii. Habitat for Humanity-Interfaith project: volunteers are requested to help at the build sites and/or at the Reuse store; lunch and/or snacks are also needed at the build sites. Maureen will get names of CWL members from Raylene and contact them for assistance; we need a parish group to lead this initiative.
- iii. Follow-up on action items: Delete all items

## **8. Parish Formation Activities:** See list

Couples for Christ recently held an organizing meeting; 12-14 people attended-will try for a Saturday evening meeting to get a better response; Father Jim will contact Cursillo members to be in the foyer at this weekend's Masses

## **9. What are we hearing from parishioners?**

- i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Greg provided an E-mail to acknowledge the work done by Raylene in getting the children ready for confirmation; K of C will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 13<sup>th</sup> and the CWL their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the same date.
- iii) Challenges and Blessings: all gave examples from their personal and/or professional lives

## **10. Significant Dates:**

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- b) **Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**11.** The closing prayer was led by Leta; meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

## **Follow-up Action Items:**

1. Contact Cursillo to be in the foyer this weekend-Father Jim
2. Get names of CWL members from Raylene to see if they can assist with snacks and/or lunch for Habitat for Humanity-Maureen
3. Submit information from OLPH to QuidNovum-Leta
4. Review strategic plans from the visioning exercise-Visioning Team
5. Advise altar servers of workshop in Red Deer-Louise