



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 19th, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by acting chairperson, Leta Shannon; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jack	Robert Gaudet	Mary Ann Platz
Halina Solkowski	Leta Shannon	Raylene Yuzyk
Barb Kamstra	Father Raj	Ron Dick
Helen Doyle	Linda Karpala	Ron Ross
Coby Veeken{guest}		

2. The opening prayer was led by Halina

3. The agenda was accepted as distributed

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

5. Visioning Team Report: The report was discussed and input given to Robert; he has also discussed the document with parish staff. It was emphasized that this is a long-term document and vision for OLPH. We will need resources to complete and implement the action plans for each of the strategies outlined in the document. The pastor would have to approve the strategies; then, we would consult the entire parish; we will need committees to firm up plans for each of the strategies. Members were asked to forward their concerns/questions in writing to Robert; he will have a response for the May meeting. We will meet at 6:30 on May 10th to discuss next steps.

6. Guest Speaker: Coby Veeken from the Inner City Pastoral Ministry outlined her ministry and OLPH's contribution to the initiative; it was started in 1978 by the Methodist Church and now involves 85 churches in the Edmonton area; churches prepare and serve a lunch at the Bissell Centre every Sunday, with some smaller churches joining to prepare and serve the lunch. OLPH prepares and serves lunch on Labor Day weekend and Family Day weekend. The Knights and CWL also serve a lunch once per year. Coby serves on the board of ICPM.

7. Faith Discussion: Our disposable Culture was discussed; it was agreed that the article represents a sign of our times, and that human beings represent consumers; we should emulate the message of Pope Francis and regain our humanity and restore it to others as many people waste food while others are starving. Read: The Wideness of God's Mercy for the May meeting.

8. Pastor's Report: Father Jack advised that all of the Easter ceremonies went well; there was a small fire on Easter Saturday at the blessing of the foods, so candles will not be allowed in the baskets from now on.

9. Standing Reports:

- a) Liturgy Council: Father Jack advised that we are still exploring a good solution for those parishioners who are unable to receive Communion due to gluten-intolerance; Father Jack brought this issue up at a recent priest's meeting and will ask Father Paul Kavanagh if there's anything he can do
- b) Finance/Administration: Ron Ross advised that our finances are short of where they should be at this time of year; they plan to get an engineering report done on the roof leak to determine the cause of the problem; then, we will have experts look at solutions to the problem. Plans are underway to re-pave the parking lot, and this may be done over 2 years to spread out the costs. We will also review other repairs that need to be done in the facility. We received a letter from the county re the plan for the Park Pentecostal Seniors Residence; best option is to go in person to the next public meeting, and present our views there; neighbours should also be advised as they will be impacted as well. Ron/Brenda will advise the date of the county public meeting.

10. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

- i. Picnic Update: Linda advised that the Knights will supply and cook the food and provide the bouncy castle; CWL will provide desserts; will contact Garnet Genuis re money from the 150th anniversary fund; will have face-painting and trinkets for kids and may have soccer games, if students are available and weather permits.
- ii. Blanket Exercise update: Attendance was not good, but a very powerful experience and we could learn from the past treatment of Aboriginal people.

b) Discussion/Action:

- i. QuidNovum: Check the website for updates.
- ii. Addressing the congregation: Father Jack is working on this
- iii. Feedback from parishioners: Ron advised that he received comments that the readings were all well-done during the Easter services
- iv. New PPC Members: Give names to Maureen; she will compile a list and give to Father Jack
- v. Couples for Christ: The recent approach from Couples for Christ was discussed; we will continue to examine this.

11. Parish Formation Activities:

GIFT, Formed, Penitential Services, Welcoming breakfast, Soup and bread suppers, Parish Mission, Easter services(Chrim Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday)

12. What are we hearing from parishioners?

- i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Robert advised that the next potluck supper will be on May 19th; the GIFT group have produced a brochure of courses for this year and another brochure will be coming in September; Robert showed us how to access the Formed website, and the

amount of traffic so far on the website. Concern was expressed about individual names being on the Formed website; Robert will see if this can be corrected. Mary Ann advised that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be assisting with the North of 60 project again this year, and will be requesting donations from parishioners; SSVP needs a new president next year as Tom Wispinski is leaving the position.

13. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, May 6th at 9 AM
- b) **Next PPC meeting; Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM**

14. The closing prayer was led by Halina; meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Follow-up Action Items:

- 1.** Contact your Ministry Liaisons re any issues for PPC-all members
- 2.** Complete Church Etiquette follow-up-Father Jack
- 3.** Organize a TIM Workshop for all ministries for the fall-Maureen
- 4.** Read The Wideness of God's Mercy for Faith Discussion for May meeting-all members
- 5.** Review PPC Visioning Team Report and discuss at May meeting-all members
- 6.** Get prayer cards for ABJ Grad prayer bag program-Monica
- 7.** Give names of potential PPC members to Maureen-all members
- 8.** Advise all members of time of presentation of prayer bags at ABJ on May 26th –Leta
- 9.** Include the Garden clean-up on agenda for May-Maureen
- 10.** Invite members of the finance committee to the June barbecue-Maureen