



## OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by chairperson, Maureen Landry; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jim	Robert Gaudet	Mary Ann Platz
Leta Shannon	Raylene Yuzyk	Ron Dick
Greg Szott	Jason Bodnar	Linda Karpala
Helen Doyle	Ron Ross	Fiona Wimmer
Maureen Landry		

2. The opening prayer was a gospel reading by Mary Ann reflecting on the healing that Jesus performed; we can be healed in many ways, but need faith for proper healing

3. The agenda was amended to add: under #8 Information, Discussion and Action (a) Information- 4-CWL and K of C parish anniversary and (b) Discussion/Action: iv-OLPH refugee committee parish funding appeal

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

5. Guest Speakers for the year: Dave Kornder will speak on Cursillo in March; Greg left a message for Catholic Social Services to contact him re a speaker for May. Raylene provided information on the REAL Foundation, and their golf tournament to raise funds for teacher and student faith formation; they also award annual scholarships to deserving students in EICS; PPC is encouraged to support the golf tournament

**6. Pastor's Report:** Father Jim advised that he is pleased with the changes to the protocols and more information will be coming for all parishioners. The visioning exercise was successful, and many good comments were received; the hospitality provided by parish groups was appreciated.

### **7. Standing Reports:**

a) Liturgy Council: Ron Dick advised that additional ministers will be required for the Ash Wednesday Masses; blessing of candles was done on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and blessing of throats on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; world day of the sick will be celebrated on February 8<sup>th</sup>; soup and bread suppers will be every Friday during lent; a forgiven workshop will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and a day of confessions on February 20<sup>th</sup>; lenten penitential service will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>; there will be a Lenten mission from March 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, facilitated by Sandy Prather; rehearsals for Holy Week will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM, and there are 11 candidates and catechumens in RCIA

b) Finance Administration: Ron Ross advised that the annual report will be available at the March meeting; we are still not meeting our monthly requirements, and maybe we need an awareness campaign to inform of the real cost of running a large parish.

- c) Parish/school relations: Raylene advised that a consultation process is currently underway to determine boundary changes to the current schools due to the lack of space at Holy Spirit School; parents, staff and interested groups are encouraged to provide input to the process; a decision will be made by the trustees in March. A handout was provided for additional information.
- d) Parish formation activities: Raylene provided a list of the activities taking place in the parish from February 7<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>-see website for details

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

### **a) Information:**

1. Pancake Supper: Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6PM; PPC will assist; K of C will do the cooking.
2. Future structure for PPC: Will be discussed by the focus groups from the visioning exercise; we may have representatives from parish ministries on PPC; hospitality will be an important element of the restructuring process.
3. PPC hosting-Parish potluck, Priest appreciation, what else? PPC is visible in many ways in the parish, and general feeling was that it is not necessary to host specific events
4. CWL and K of C parish anniversary: both groups have been a part of OLPH for 60 years; a joint celebration is being planned for the fall

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

- i. QuidNovum: Leta advised that she sent the submission from OLPH to the Diocesan office; we are encouraged to check the website for additional information
- ii. Visioning update: Robert advised that the parishioner feedback took place during the past 2 weeks and focus groups will be determined soon to provide a strategic direction for the parish; groups will meet in February and March; then, a vision implementation team will be formed to lead on the vision for the parish; the team will provide quarterly feedback to PPC
- iii. Follow-up on action items: Delete #'s 2, 3, 5 9, and 10
- iv. OLPH refugee committee-parish funding appeal: PPC supported the request by the refugee committee to appeal to parishioners for ongoing funding to complete our responsibilities to our current family of seven, and use any surplus to sponsor another refugee family. Parishioners should be advised of the social issues that we are supporting through the parish.

## **9. Parish Formation Activities:** See #7(d) and list provided by Raylene

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

- i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested? Information provided through the visioning exercise-report being compiled; Greg advised that the Couples for Christ choir will be performing at OLPH next weekend; Linda advised that we need more ministries involved in the parish picnic; Raylene will send a letter to them asking for assistance
- ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Nil reports
- iii) Challenges and Blessings: members gave an example of each in their lives

## **11. Significant Dates:**

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b) Next PPC meeting: **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**12.** The closing prayer was led by Mary Ann; meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

**Follow-up Action Items:**

1. Give ideas to Maureen re guest speakers-all members
2. Follow up with custodian re bringing the Shroud of Turin to OLPH-Leta
3. Put information re Couples for Christ in the Bulletin-Raylene
4. Put information in the Bulletin re timing for taxis arriving to pick up people after Masses-Raylene
5. Send a letter to parish ministries requesting their assistance with the parish picnic-Raylene
6. Assist with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper-all members
7. Advise parishioners of special collection for our refugee families-Father Jim