



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 11th, 2017

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

Father Jack	Ron Dick	Leta Shannon
Father Raj	Halina Solkowski	Jason Bodnar
Maureen Landry	Barb Kamstra	Mary Ann Platz
Helen Doyle	Robert Gaudet	Monica Friesen

2. The opening prayer was led by Ron Dick

3. The agenda was amended to add #vii-Children's Liturgy to #8(b) Discussion/Action

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

5. Faith Discussion on Guidelines for the celebration of the Sacraments with persons and families considering or opting for death by assisted suicide or euthanasia was deferred till Feb.

6. **Pastor's Report:** Father Jack advised that Sue Boyne is recovering from her broken ankles and that Sister Gertrude is also recovering from surgery. Parish house sustained some minor damage recently from a water pipe. Father Jack, Father Raj and Father Pierre will be going to Anaheim for the Religious Education Conference from February 24th-26th; will request visiting priests to assist with Masses

7. Standing Reports:

a) Liturgy Council: Nil report

b) Finance: Maureen advised that finances are in good shape and there was a small surplus at the end of December

8. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

- i. QuidNovum: Check the website for updates
- ii. Catholicism 101-more capacity: Robert advised that they are currently reviewing all resources available in line with the visioning exercise; this may involve buying more materials; it is recognized that the demand is high as a follow-up to the Alpha program; there will be a mission in lent with Bishop Weisner; brochures will be available soon; more information at the next meeting; there will also be a day of reconciliation in March

- iii. Correspondence from the Franciscan Friars in Edmonton: brochure provided to update us on the events of the Franciscans in Edmonton; Deacon Joe Glaab will be ordained as a priest this summer. Father Pierre is the Guardian of the Edmonton friary. They are grateful for the assistance provided by OLPH parish

b) Discussion/Action:

- i. Parish Visioning: The next meeting will be held on January 17th-will report in February
- ii. Shrove Tuesday: Pancake supper here on February 28th; a sign-up sheet was distributed for members to indicate how they wish to assist
- iii. Parish Picnic: Will be on June 11th; Linda Karpala and Jason Bodnar will be coordinators
- iv. K of C Spring Social: it was decided that PPC would offer to do a yard clean-up; minimum bid recommended was \$500
- v. Blanket Exercise: Maureen will verify date with presenter; proposed date was March 25th; PPC is encouraged to attend, and other ministries will also be invited; Ron Dick mentioned another exercise: World of 100 to be considered at another time
- vi. Addressing the congregation: Father Jack advised that the document is in progress
- vii. Children's Liturgy update: Leta advised that the coordinator is aware of the requirements for volunteers and they currently have lots of children and enough volunteers
- viii. Jason advised that there is a Men of Integrity Conference on February 3rd in Stony Plain; will ask Lorraine to put a notice in the Bulletin re this

9. Parish Formation Activities:

Alpha-next course is in September, RCIA-ongoing Alpha for youth-starting in February at ABJ, Catholicism 101-ongoing, Finding Life in the Spirit course starting on April 22nd for 7 weeks and Potluck Dinners-next one is January 27th

10. What are we hearing from parishioners?

- a) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- b) Ministry Liaison Reports: Monica advised that Jets is going well, and Young Disciples have higher numbers this year; Monica will ask Marla Waldner to be our guest speaker for the next meeting; Robert advised that the K of C Valentines Dinner and Dance will be held on February 11th and Helen advised that there are no issues from the Secular Franciscans or the Ecumenical Mission.

11. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, February 4th at 9AM
- b) **Next PPC meeting: Tuesday, February 7th at 7 PM**

12. The closing prayer was led by Ron Dick; meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Follow-up Action Items:

- 1.** Contact your Ministry Liaisons re any issues for PPC-all members
- 2.** Give ideas to Maureen re guest speakers-all members
- 3.** Church Etiquette follow-up-Father Jack
- 4.** Read Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons and Families
Considering or Opting for Death by Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia for the February meeting-
all members
- 5.** Check to see what other parishes in the Archdiocese are doing for the Philippine community-
Father Jack
- 6.** Advise Betty and/or Pat about PPC discussion on Euthanasia-Raylene
- 7.** Contact Knights and/or CWL to see if they would be interested in doing a session on
Euthanasia-Father Jack
- 8.** Set up a visioning meeting for February-Robert
- 9.** Determine if there is a brochure from EICS that could be put in our lobby-Raylene
- 10.** Draft letter to parishioners re the benefits of Catholic Education-Raylene
- 11.** Determine date for Blanket Exercise-Maureen
- 12.** Contact Lorraine to put info in the Bulletin re the Men of Integrity Conference-Jason