



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 10th, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by chairperson, Maureen Landry; the following members were in attendance:

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| Father Jack | Ron Dick | Leta Shannon |
| Father Raj | Halina Solkowski | Jason Bodnar |
| Maureen Landry | Barb Kamstra | Mary Ann Platz |
| Helen Doyle | Ron Ross | Monica Friesen |
| Linda Karpala | Raylene Yuzyk | Melissa Vaci {guest} |
| Marla Waldner {guest} | | |

2. The opening prayer was led by Leta

3. The agenda was amended to add x-Parade Participation to #10(b): Discussion/Action

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

5: Visioning Work: The report was discussed, and minor changes suggested in some of the wording: page 8: Lack of compassion-could be revised, page 15-we need a clearer definition of parishioner, also, we need more reference to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Key area of work will be how to operationalize some of the tasks outlined in the document; all dates and tasks are targets to be achieved. A committee should be formed to further discuss and make decisions around timing and priorities. Advise Maureen, Robert, Halina or Leta what you feel our next steps should be.

6. Guest Speaker: Melissa Vaci from Young Disciples gave an overview of the program; she will be taking over from Marla Waldner next year; we have 80 youth involved in the program, and hope to have more next year-will need more space and resources; they meet every Wednesday from October till April; the objective is to evangelize youth and involve them in activities throughout the diocese; they recently had an All Saints Day party and an Easter party.

7. Faith Discussion: The wideness of God's mercy was discussed; we all should be evangelizers and practice God's mercy and forgiveness in our communities and parishes; a powerful example of witness can often encourage others to get involved.

8. Pastor's Report: Father Jack advised that most of the priests in the diocese will be away next week for the assembly of priest's meeting.

9. Standing Reports:

a) Liturgy Council: Father Jack advised that the council is reviewing the Called to Ministry process and looking at areas where there is a need for more volunteers; also reviewed Holy Week services and will review protocols for next year. Parishioners are involved in 33 Days to Morning Glory-a journey/retreat to Marian Consecration whereby they do daily readings and gather weekly from May 24th to June 27th to pray and discuss the DVD on Christian fellowship; on June 27th, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with all parishioners at the 7PM Mass; a key for us is to discover Christ through Mary and increase our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

b) Finance: Ron advised that finances are down about 8% over the same period last year; will have more information after the June meeting

10. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

- i) Anything to update: No updates required
- ii) ABJ Prayer Bag Distribution: Will be held in the ABJ gym on Friday, May 26th at 2PM

b) Discussion/Action:

- i) QuidNovum: Check the website for updates-there is a new format and a new video
- ii) Addressing the congregation-Father Jack is working on this
- iii) Review Action Items: Delete 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
- iv) Couples for Christ: Currently reviewing what other parishes are doing
- v) Formed: Have 280 parishioners registered; Maureen will follow up with Robert on the transparency issue
- vi) PPC Gift Certificate: PPC will do clean-up on the winner's yard on June 3rd
- vii) New PPC Members: Names have been submitted to Father Jack for consideration
- viii) Parish Picnic Update: Linda advised that Archbishop Smith and Greg Bittman have been invited, but they are both busy that day; the committee will need help setting up tables and cleaning up; will send an E-mail re this; will also ask ABJ for student volunteers
- ix) ABJ Partners in Prayer Initiative: Names of grads will be passed out prior to their final exams, and parishioners pray for the grads whom they choose; Barb will get names from ABJ and Ron Dick will see which weekend is best for distribution
- x) Parade Participation: Question was raised re OLPH participation in the Canada Day parade in Sherwood Park; Robert will send an E-mail to further explain

11. Parish Formation Activities:

Confirmation (May 8th and 14th), CWL Tea and Fashion Show (May 10th), Living Rosary (May 16th), REAL Foundation Golf Tournament (May 24th)-let Raylene know if you want to play as staff are forming a team or teams, A Day Away-Maturing into Life with Sandy Prather (May 11th), 12th Annual Faith Fitness and Fun Run/Walk (May 27th), Parish Potluck-International Food Festival (May 19th), ABJ Grad Mass(May 27th) and Prayer Bag Distribution (May 26th), Father Jack's Birthday (May 21st)-big celebration!

12. What are we hearing from parishioners?

- a) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- b) Ministry Liaison Reports: Monica advised that she received an Email from Jets the coordinators asking if there's anything the group could do to assist PPC; decision was to thank them for the offer and defer till September and discuss it then.

13. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, June 10th at 9AM
- b) Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, June 14th at **6:30PM**

14. The closing prayer was led by Leta; meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Follow-up Action Items:

1. Complete Church Etiquette follow-up-Father Jack
2. Organize a TIM workshop for the fall-Maureen
3. Advise all members of the details of the Spring Clean-up day-Maureen
4. Invite members of the finance committee to the June barbecue-Maureen
5. Discuss the transparency re Formed with Robert-Maureen
6. Advise Robert of discussion re Visioning-Maureen
7. Provide additional details on potential OLPH participation in the Canada Day Parade-Robert