

# OLPH Parish Pastoral Council

## Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Attendees:** Fr. Jim, Fiona Wimmer, Robert Gaudet, Monica Friesen, Linda Karpala, Greg Szott, Leta Shannon, Halina Solkowski, Raylene Yuzyk

**Non-Voting:** Ron Ross, Ron Dick

Regrets: Maureen Landry, Louise Siracky, Jason Bodnar, Helen Doyle

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 7PM
2. **Gospel for the Week and Reflection-**Halina Solkowski-The importance of the personal touch in evangelization. How is the Spirit moving among us today? Are we too distracted to see Him? It is all about relationship between us and God and between one another.
3. **Review Agenda-**REAL Foundation Tournament, Update on Sam, Handicap Parking
4. **Review of minutes** -correct Carol Brassard-Number 7 item 2 Fiona moved to accept Halina seconded
5. **Pastor Report:**

*Fr. Jim*

**a. Update**

- Ben Tralberg, the parish accountant, will be retiring. Robert Gaudet will be assuming Ben's role.
- Father Raj arrived safely in India
- First Communion celebrations have gone extremely well.
- Summer Hours-Parish office will be open until 7pm 7 nights a week beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Lots of good comments about the office being open over lunch and on the weekends

- b. PPC Chair – “plans”**-Robert has become part of the OLPH staff-we are extremely grateful. Currently Robert is Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Technically speaking Maureen's term as chair is done at the end of the year-Robert would step into this position but this will not happen now that he is a staff member. Probably not fair to task Maureen with a third year in the position of chair. Would someone on current council be willing to step up and take the chair position? Linda, Halina, Monica, Leta, Mary Anne, Robert and Maureen are all due to leave council this year.
- Ron will likely ask someone else to be the liaison between liturgy and PPC
  - How are members of the various ministries chosen to be a representative at PPC? Interest would be an important factor. Should look at a two-year term of representation.
  - A leadership plan needs to be put in place. This discussion may need to be continued at the June meeting.
  - The TIM model is not geared toward ministry involvement but there is real value in having members of ministry actively involved on the PPC
  - Burning question is who will be the chair next year?
  - If you have ideas or nominations please share with Maureen, Father Jim or Robert.

**6. Standing Reports**

- Reports are attached for liturgy, finance and parish/school additions
- Add May Parish Potluck to events

-Parish Sacrificial Giving-just waiting on one more number then this will be complete. Information will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

-Two Ad Hoc committees have been established

Maintenance-Terry Prenoslo – proactive and reactive committee to address maintenance. Will report to finance council

Personnel-Marguerite Norbrega- Staff evaluations, paperwork etc will be developed. Will report to finance council

-Parking lot paving-cracks will be patched in the parking lot this year.

-Terry and Robert are working on re-establishing contact with the Paving company so that work can be completed.

-Snow removal was \$6000/month for 5 months. Looking at getting a skid steer and a truck with a blade. Visioning Updates

-leads for the division leads of the vision elements have been chosen. Robert has met with two and both have agreed to head their teams. He will meet with the other 6 people soon.

- 8 teams of 6 to 8 people

-update on Visioning needs to be put in the bulletin and online and on the AV

-communications team is looking at how to convey what the team is doing

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

### **a. Yard Clean up**

-May 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:30 is the date for the cleanup for Jim and Linda Osinchuck. Trying to finalize who is bringing what and there will be 6 people going. Leta will suggest that the BBQ be postponed. This would lighten the load because there are not a lot of people going. No sod laying or manure spreading-just general yard cleanup. Will pursue having the BBQ on the same day.

### **b. Parish Picnic**

-plans are going great. Lots of feedback from notes out to ministries and from parishioners in general. Small Christian Community will come and help set up. The Food Bank will give us the bins to collect food in, they also inquired about a money jar. This will be set up as well.

-ministries can set up a booth if they want but not a requirement

-Jason sent a note today saying he has lined up music

-Aida has children's activities planned

-Will be at the hall at 9:30 so anyone who can help with set up and clean up it would be greatly appreciated.

### **c. Partners in Prayer**

-working with ABJ High School

-having a difficult time getting the names of graduating students

-Leta suggests calling the secretaries and asking for the names

-Reverse collection where the names of the grade 12 students are taken and prayed for during their exams and the decisions that they need to make going forward.

### **d. Year-end wrap up**

-Joint event between PPC, Finance, Liturgy and Staff at a date to be determined. The PPC meeting in June will be a full meeting. Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the year end celebration. Spouses will be invited. Raylene to communicate to the staff this date. Ron, Ron, Robert and Raylene will form a committee to decide what this evening will work with. Note needs to go out to inform people of the date.

### **e. Quid Novum-nothing to report**

### **f. Follow up on action items-Complete**

- g. **REAL**-May 23 is the golf tournament. PPC encouraged to put a team in the tournament.
- h. **Handicap Parking**-shortage of handicap parking especially at the 8:30 and the 10:30 Masses. Could we add more spots in the east end? Could all the stalls in this area be designated as handicap parking? Perhaps could be expanded by the planters as well? Will be discussed at the office level
- i. **Bulletin Advertising**-could OLPH have advertising in the Parish bulletin? This is something that the communications team is currently looking at. Common sense would dictate that ads that imply endorsement would not be put in. Over the summer, please bring in the bulletins from parishes people have been visiting.

## 8. Parish Formation Activities

The Wild Goose and 33 Days to Morning Glory are going well

The Euthanasia Deception was well-attended and there will be a follow-up on this in the fall. Recording of the panel discussion will be made available online.

Lots of exciting things coming in Faith Formation this fall.

Forward any faith formation ideas to Robert. Next meeting is a brainstorming session on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. What are we hearing from Parishioners?

### a. Conversations, questions, comments from parishioners

-Greg-question as to whether Father Raj will be replaced and who will it be. We will receive two priests in August from India. One will live with their religious community and the other in the suite downstairs.

-Father Jim would like someone from the parish to spend an hour/week with these individuals to work on speech to be proactive to prevent people from becoming discouraged by not being able to understand what is being said.

-Hearing Loops-always charged and there about 10 of them. May need to be more training of the AV techs to use them properly. Put something in the bulletin and online so people know what we have available. Printed instructions to be handed out with the ear piece in the sound booth. A sign in the foyer indicating the availability of hearing assist would be good.

### b. Ministry Liaison reports

-small groups are happy with evidence of progression

-update on Sam-finished his 6-month program in Ponoka. He cannot talk or walk and is paralyzed on the right-hand side of his body. His throat is partially paralyzed. Seems to have a good understanding of what people are saying. His wife has been encouraged to find long term care for him. This is a financial burden for the family. We need to pray for them

### c. Challenges and Blessings

- 10. **Crucifix**-our church should have a crucifix in the sanctuary. The consensus is that we should have one. Perhaps this could be an initiative taken on by the Infrastructure team. Very visual example of Visioning moving forward.

## 11. Significant Dates

- a. Next PPC Executive meeting-June 9, 2018
- b. Next PPC Meeting-June 13, 2018 6:30pm start

## 12. Closing Prayer-Halina

## 13. Adjournment

