



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 8th, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by chairperson, Maureen Landry; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jim	Robert Gaudet	Mary Ann Platz
Maureen Landry	Leta Shannon	Raylene Yuzyk
Ron Dick	Greg Szott	Jason Bodnar
Helen Doyle	Linda Karpala	Ron Ross
Michael Hauptman{guest}	Paul Corrigan{guest}	

2. The opening prayer was led by Robert

3. Gospel for the week: All reflected on the gospel about the gifts offered by God, and that we must be ready to accept God's gifts in all areas of our lives

4. The agenda was amended as follows: #9(b) delete iii and add viii-Refugee Family Visits

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

6. Guest Speakers: Michael Hauptman, EICS Superintendent and Paul Corrigan, Director, Faith Formation and Wellness advised that their theme for the year is: Challenge Accepted; there is a different challenge every month; their main challenge is to get staff to attend weekly Mass; there is a chaplain in every school, and there is always a focus on social justice; other agencies are involved in dealing with children who have problems; will be dealing with capacity issues in the new year and some school boundaries may be changed. Some teachers are helping with sacramental preparation at OLPH; EICS and OLPH recently shared a guest speaker, and schools are encouraged to utilize the formed.org website. Appreciation was expressed by EICS for the weekly pastoral visits to the schools.

7. Pastor's Report: Father Jim advised that he will be away from November 12th-21st; liturgical changes will be implemented the first Sunday of advent; two training sessions have been held for liturgical ministers.

8. Standing Reports:

- a) Liturgy Council: Ron Dick advised that the committee met on Oct. 25th; there will be a commissioning for all new ministers on Dec. 9th and 10th; there will be a master list so all ministers can sign in when they arrive for weekend Masses; concern was expressed about overcrowding at Christmas Masses; there will be two Masses at 6:30 on Dec. 24th and a 5PM Mass on Christmas Day to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend; we will try to get a school to be responsible for the 6:30 Mass downstairs. K of C will assist with

parking during the Christmas Masses. A workshop on forgiveness will be held on Dec. 9th; we will no longer bring up the food basket when the offertory gifts are brought up.

- b) Finance/Administration: Ron Ross advised that some paving has been done in the parking lot, and the rest will be completed in the spring; we received a complaint about the noise from snow clearing in the parking lot; Greg thanked Raylene for information in the Bulletin about the roof. We're down approximately 4% in ordinary receipts over the same period last year.

9. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

1. Visioning Update: Robert advised that the committee will meet on Nov. 9th and there will be a pre launch of the document the weeks of Jan. 14th and 21st with the official launch the week of Jan. 28th. The green copy will be available for comments at the Dec. meeting.
2. Couples for Christ: Maureen advised that this program will be implemented at OLPH, probably after Easter; program will be self-sustaining and very structured; we will see how it fits into our current programs; group will check with Lorraine about meeting space; their choir would like to perform at one of the Masses in early Dec.; Greg will contact Sharon Darbyshire to confirm time. Raylene will put information on the program in the Bulletin.
3. Correspondence: Letter of thanks received from Darrell Tymchuk re the FKK Memorial Scholarship received from OLPH.

b) Discussion/Action:

- i) PPC Retreat: what did you get out of this experience, and what can/will we do differently moving forward? All agreed that we should see the parish and our lives as a gift from God, and we need to create a greater awareness among parishioners of the gifts God has given each of us. We should have an attitude of gratitude, and assist others to recognize their gifts. Moving forward, we will adopt our new vision and there will be some changes to the agenda.
- ii) K of C Fundraiser: PPC will offer a gift of time, labor and food; Leta will bring ideas for the December meeting.
- iii) Welcoming Mass and Breakfast: Will be held on November 19th; PPC members are requested to assist at this Mass and at the breakfast served by the Knights after the 8:30 one as well. There will be a short program at the 11:30 breakfast, with a welcome from the PPC chair.
- iv) QuidNovum: Leta will put our Christmas Mass times, penitential services, and workshops on the site
- v) Liturgy Implementation: Covered in the Liturgy Report
- vi) Follow-up on Action Items: Leave items: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10; delete 4, 5, 6, and 7.
- vii) Refugee Family Visits: Mary Ann advised that the family would like people to spend time with them so they can improve their English and get to know the city

10. Parish Formation Activities:

GIFT, Formed.org, RCIA –currently have 12 people in the program, welcoming Mass and breakfast-Nov. 19th, Rosary Rally-Oct.14th, presentation by Sister Helena Burns on the theology

of the body-Oct. 23rd, Stef Michniewski presentation on our support to Paulatuk on Nov.27th, and a workshop on confession and forgiveness on Dec 9th.

11. What are we hearing from parishioners?

i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?

ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Linda advised that the Encore group need new members; they currently have a monthly lunch; Linda will obtain a Bulletin from the County to advise seniors of the programs available through them; we should put information about the group in the Bulletin. Maybe we could initiate a service to provide a ride for seniors to the daily Masses; Sue and Betty are currently exploring our services for seniors. The CWL is doing outreach to their members.

Mary Ann advised that St. Vincent de Paul will have a Christmas collection for Sacred Heart Church on Dec. 9th and 10th

Greg advised that the Memorial Mass for deceased members of K of C and CWL will be held on Nov.15th; there will be service at Millennium on Nov.11th; Greg will invite Dave Kornder to PPC to explain the Cursillo program; K of C are offering 2 tickets to PPC for their April gala-discuss in Dec.

Robert advised that the next potluck supper will be on Dec. 8th, followed by Bingo, and the next one will be on Jan.26th, hosted by the Jets.

iii) Challenges and Blessings: all gave examples from their personal/professional lives

12. Significant Dates:

a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, December 2nd at 9:15AM

b) **Next PPC meeting; Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00PM**

Note change: our opening prayer will be replaced by the weekly scripture reading

13. The closing prayer was led by Robert; meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Follow-up Action Items:

1. Give ideas to Maureen re guest speakers-all members
2. Check with Father Jim re OLPH sponsoring the Shroud of Turin-Leta
3. Review Maureen's letter to parishioner re noise level during Mass-Father Jim
4. Advise parishioners of upcoming changes to the Liturgy-Father Jim
5. Update Ministry liaison list and re-send to all members-Maureen
6. Update the online version of the parish directory to include the Encore group-Raylene
7. Book room for December 6th PPC meeting-Raylene
8. Invite Dave Kornder to PPC to explain the Cursillo program-Greg
9. Get County of Strathcona Bulletin for Seniors for Encore group-Linda
10. Put information from OLPH on QuidNovum-Leta
11. Assist with the K of C breakfast after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Nov. 19th-all members
12. Contact Sharon Darbyshire re Couples for Christ choir performing at one of our Masses in early Dec-Greg
13. Try to get a school to be responsible for the 6:30 Mass downstairs on Christmas Eve-Ron D.
14. Let Mary Ann know if you can assist with our Refugee family visits-all members
15. Put information on Couples for Christ in the Bulletin-Raylene

