



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 13th, 2017

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

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

2. The opening prayer was led by Maureen

3. Gospel for the week: all reflected on the theme of forgiveness in the gospel, and the power of reconciliation in forgiving those who offend us.

4. Maureen welcomed our new PPC members: Father Jim, Greg Szott and Fiona Wimmer; all members introduced themselves

5. The agenda was amended to add: under #11(b) Discussion/Action: xv-Letter from Parishioner, xvi-Draft Response to Parishioner, xvii-Partners in Prayer and xviii-letter re Mother's Day brunch; also, delete xi-Visioning work as it's included in #10

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

7. Guest Speakers for the year: Give names of potential speakers to Maureen in the next 2 weeks

8. **Pastor's Report:** Father Jim recounted his path to the priesthood, and the different parishes in which he has served; he wants to increase participation in our daily Masses, and there is a Mass every weekday at 8:30AM and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15PM

9. Standing Reports:

a) Liturgy Council: Father Jim advised that Ron Dick will be the liturgy council representative on PPC; he will also invite a representative from the Knights, CWL and St. Vincent de Paul to attend the PPC meetings

b) Finance Administration: Ron Ross advised that Father Jack bought the house that he had been living in and that we have a condo for Father Jim; the parking lot is currently being paved by Devlin Construction-cost will be approximately \$250,000; we have an architect and an engineering analysis on the roof problem-cost to be determined; we are down approximately 5% in regular receipts over this time last year; Strathcona County Council has decided that the

seniors home on the Park Pentecostal church property will go ahead; construction will likely start in the spring; Raylene will put a note in the Bulletin to advise parishioners of this.

10. Parish Direction-Visioning Work: Robert reviewed the report and potential next steps; the original committee will make recommendations for going forward. Decision is to tie the visioning report into a communication strategy involving stewardship. The new ministry in focus strategy will involve contacting those ministries who need volunteers, and creating awareness of opportunities in those areas. Screens can be utilized to advertise the need for volunteers.

11. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

Constitution, FAQ's, mailbox and name tags: Maureen distributed copies of the constitution to all new members; the FAQ's need to be updated; Leta volunteered to do this; all PPC members will have a mail slot at the front of the office; name tags will be ordered for new members.

b) Discussion/Action:

- i. Council Photograph: Joe Karpala will take the photo prior to the November meeting.
- ii. Member's participation: PPC members are encouraged to assist as greeters at the Mass that you attend, assist with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, Parish picnic and attend the annual retreat
- iii. PPC Retreat: Will be held on November 4th, 18th or 25th-will focus on vision and stewardship; advise Maureen of your preferred date.
- iv. Ministry Liaison chart: new members were encouraged to state their area of interest; Maureen will send an updated list to us.
- v. Members' List: Ensure that your name and contact information is current; Maureen will send out revised list
- vi. Meeting Dates and leaders in prayer: Maureen will update and send to all members
- vii. PPC Commissioning Mass: Advise Maureen of dates for your availability
- viii. Parish Picnic 2018: we need someone to organize this event
- ix. TIM Workshop: This will be part of our visioning exercise and will be discussed at our retreat in November
- x. QuidNovum: website: <http://caedm.ca/quid-novum>; we are encouraged to sign up
- xi. Couples for Christ: Father Jim advised that he wants them to be part of our community; Maureen will contact Henry Guterrez to discuss
- xii. Jets offer to PPC: Decision was that they could assist with preparation of colored bags for children at the Christmas Masses; Maureen will advise Nancy of this
- xiii. Formed-update and future plans: we have 334 registered users, and utilization is increasing-plan to do another blitz around Christmas. It will be good for Sacramental preparation; Robert will give cards to Raylene to assist with this task
- xiv. Letter from parishioner: Maureen read a letter from a parishioner re too much talking during Mass; Raylene will address the need for reverence with her first communion parents
- xv. Draft response to parishioner: Maureen will compose a letter to the parishioner in

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- xvi.** Partners in prayer initiative: It is recommended that this project remain with PPC; Trisha Murphy is the new chaplain at ABJ
- xvii.** Letter re Mother's Day Brunch served by the Knights: Greg advised that the concerns are being addressed by the Knights

12. Parish Activities:

Parish potlucks-good attendance-difficult to plan for food as we never know how many will be attending St. Margaret's Mass-good attendance, Father Jack's retirement-Father Jack was very pleased, and great attendance, and Inner City Pastoral Ministry-residents were very appreciative of the food served by OPLH.

13. Parishioner engagement:

- i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Mary Ann advised that our new refugee family will be arriving in October; St. Vincent de Paul is currently collecting furniture and household goods for the family. Greg advised that the Knights will be having a recruitment drive the weekend of September 23rd; the Valentine's Day dance will be held on February 10th, 2018; the Knights hope to be able to purchase a new van for St. Vincent de Paul. Leta will talk to Father Jim about OPLH sponsoring the Shroud of Turin.
- iii) Challenges and Blessings: each member gave an example of challenges and blessings in their lives

14. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, October 7th at 9 AM
- b) **Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM**

15. The closing prayer was led by Maureen; 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 OPLH sponsoring the Shroud of Turin-Leta
3. Advise Nancy that Jets can assist with colored bags for children at the Christmas Masses-Maureen
4. Advise Maureen of your preferred date for the Annual Retreat with Sandy Prather-all members
5. Contact Henry Gutierrez re Couples for Christ-Maureen
6. Put a note in the Bulletin re the Seniors home next door-Raylene
7. Original visioning committee meet and decide next steps in the process-Robert, Maureen, Leta and Halina
8. Update FAQ's for PPC members-Leta
9. Update Ministry Liaison list and send to all members-Maureen
10. Update Leaders in prayer list and send to all members-Maureen
11. Advise Maureen of your preferred dates for the PPC Commissioning Mass-all members
12. Consider being the organizer for the 2018 picnic-all members
13. Compose letter to parishioner re the noise level during Mass-Maureen

