



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 12th, 2016

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

Father Jack
Halina Solkowski
Maureen Landry
Helen Doyle
Leta Shannon

Robert Gaudet
Jason Bodnar
Barb Kamstra
Ron Ross

Ron Dick
Linda Karpala
Father Raj
Mary Ann Platz

2. The opening prayer was led by Barb

3. The agenda was amended to add to #9(a) Information: v) Ecumenical Mission and vi) Blessing of Animals

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to correct the spelling of Archdiocesan in #10(b) xiv; they were then approved

5. **Guest Speaker:** Maureen contacted Michael Hauptman, Superintendent of EICS and Paul Corrigan, Principal of Formation; they will speak in November on Altar'd in Faith.

6. **Faith Discussion:** Brief discussion on: Sinfully Honest. The concept of sin is not what it has been in the past; most feel that the majority of sins are those of omission, but the 7 deadly sins are still among us, in various forms. We do not have general absolution, so people still have to go to a priest to confess serious sins. Father Jack distributed 3 articles for reading and discussion at our next meeting.

7. **Pastor's Report:** Father Jack spoke on Stewardship at all Masses last weekend; the Syrian family whom we sponsored last year were at the 10:30 Mass on October 9th to thank OLPH for their sponsorship. The Park Pentecostal Church plans to build a senior's residence on their property; the facility will be operated by Shepherd's Care and there will not be a community restaurant in the facility. Public consultation will start in November, and construction may start in the spring of 2018. Office is currently doing a review with staff to determine job satisfaction.

8. Standing Reports:

a) Liturgy Council: Nil report

b) Finance/Administration: Ron advised that we are currently 3% behind where we should be at this time of year; hope to repave the parking lot in the spring of 2017.

9. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

- i. Stewardship Weekend: Will be on October 15th and 16th; PPC members are requested to help pass out forms prior to each of the Masses
- ii. PPC commissioning Mass: October 23rd-10:30-try to attend that Mass
- iii. Guest Speaker for December 14th: Will be Melissa Damur
- iv. Ministry Liaison List: Maureen will update the list and send to everyone
- v. Ecumenical Mission: Excellent speaker; attendance was down from previous years; OLPH is hosting next year; slides from the mission will be available soon.
- vi. Blessing of animals: A number of parishioners along with their pets attended

b) Discussion/Action:

- i. PPC Retreat: Maureen has arranged for Sandy Prather to lead us in retreat on November 5th at Maureen's house; theme will be visioning for the parish, and how the vision can be communicated to the parish.
- ii. Mic's for priests: Ron advised that the current mic is working well for Father Jack, and we will order 2 more
- iii. Parish Picnic: Barb and Leta will prepare an ad for the Bulletin seeking a leader
- iv. Parish Visioning: Robert presented a draft of the vision statement; results of discussion will be given to Sandy for the retreat on November 5th so she can help us to move forward with the vision.
- v. QuidNovum: check the website for updates
- vi. Blanket Exercise: Maureen advised that the cost is \$100 to have someone lead us in this exercise-should be for 20+ people; it was suggested that we advise all parishioners and maybe do this for one of our parish Lenten suppers.
- vii. Addressing the congregation re church etiquette: Father Jack is working on this

10. Parish Formation Activities:

Alpha, RCIA, Alpha for youth, and Catholicism 101-was oversubscribed this fall; there is an ongoing need for Faith Formation.

11. What are we hearing from parishioners?

- a) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- b) Ministry Liaison Reports: Robert advised that he spoke to David Asp of the Knights and mentioned the shortage of food at the picnic in June-David advised that we need to have a better idea of the numbers earlier and we can get more food; volunteers should arrange to eat early; memorial Mass will be held on November 17th; annual spring event will be on February 11th, 2017; retreat will be on October 22nd.

12. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, October 29th at 9AM
- b) Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, November 9th at 7PM

13. The closing prayer was led by Barb; meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Follow-up Action Items:

1. Contact your Ministry Liaisons re any issues for PPC-all members
2. PPC Commissioning on October 23rd -10:30 Mass-all members
3. Contact Sandy Prather re PPC Retreat and the discussion re visioning-Maureen
4. Give ideas to Maureen re guest speakers-all members
5. Church Etiquette follow-up-Father Jack
6. Read the 3 articles distributed by Father Jack for next meeting-all members
7. PPC Retreat on November 5th at Maureen's house on parish visioning-all members