



## OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 21st, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by chairperson, Maureen Landry; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jack	Robert Gaudet	Ron Dick
Halina Solkowski	Jason Bodnar	Linda Karpala
Maureen Landry	Monica Friesen	Barb Kamstra
Helen Doyle	Ron Ross	

2. The opening prayer was led by Maureen

3. Maureen welcomed all new and returning members and all members introduced themselves

4. The agenda was accepted as distributed

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

6. **Guest Speakers:** Discussion was held on potential speakers for the year; two suggestions were: a representative from the school board and the chaplain from ABJ; give any other suggestions to Maureen.

7. **Faith Discussion:** Father Jack distributed an article: Sinfully Honest, which we are to read and discuss at the next meeting.

8. **Pastor's Report:** Father Jack advised that Father Antony has gone to Lloydminster and has been replaced by Father Raj; Father Pierre has reduced duties here due to increased work with his order. Sharon Darbyshire retired; her duties have been assigned to Raylene; Pat Lemire will work in adult formation and RCIA with Brother Joe Glaab; Liam Hyland is the volunteer coordinator.

There will be a pastoral letter coming from the Archbishop in advent dealing with conversion and evangelization; The WCR will cease publication this week, and more information will be available on the website and other social media. The diocese will need to raise a lot of money for new churches in the area over the next few years; the seminary and rectory at the Basilica also need upgrading; there may be a high-rise building going up close to the Basilica housing several Catholic offices.

9. **Standing Reports:**

a) Liturgy Council: Nil report

- b) Finance/Administration: Ron advised that there is a meeting of the finance committee next week; contributions are about the same as last year, but we had budgeted for slightly more; we're about 3% behind in our contributions.

## **10. Information, Discussion, and Action:**

### **a) Information:**

- i. Constitution, FAQ's, mailbox, nametag and website: All members received this information last year; info provided to Jason; website is being updated
- ii. Letters of Thanks: Received from Helen Doyle for the flowers in June and from John Vizza for the Father Kenneth Kearns Scholarship for this year.
- iii. Called to Protect Workshop: Will be held here on November 4<sup>th</sup>; we are advised to share with our ministry liaisons that all new volunteers must take this workshop
- iv. Ecumenical Mission: Will be held from October 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; the Lutheran Church is the host this year
- v. Blessing of animals: Will be in the Parish Hall on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM
- vi. Western catholic Reporter: Last issue will be this week
- vii. Call for Stewardship: Information will be on overheads this weekend; need PPC members to assist with distribution of forms at all Masses on the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; wear your name tags

### **b) Discussion/Action:**

- i. Council Photograph: Group photo will be at 6:45 on October 12th and individual photos at 6:30 for new members: Jason and Father Raj
- ii. Member Participation: Greeters, Shrove Tuesday, Parish Picnic, K of C fundraiser
- iii. PPC Retreat: Maureen will contact Sandy Prather re her availability; hope is to build on the info provided last year
- iv. Ministry Liaison Chart: Maureen will complete and send to all members
- v. Member List: Maureen will update and send to all members
- vi. Meeting Dates and Leaders in Prayer: Maureen will send out to all
- vii. Mic's for priests: Ron advised that the headset on Father Jack's mic was replaced; Father Jack is testing a new mic and we may purchase another one if he is satisfied with it; the system is in good shape
- viii. Parish Picnic: Barb advised that the picnic had to be moved inside due to the weather; there was a food shortage-difficult to predict numbers; will ensure that grace is said prior to the meal. We need a coordinator for the 2017 picnic; Jason, Halina and Linda volunteered to assist; an ad will be put in the Bulletin seeking additional volunteers and a leader
- ix. PPC commissioning Mass: Will be on Oct.23rd at the 10:30 Mass
- x. Parish Visioning: Robert advised that he, Leta, Maureen and Halina met and have a draft document; where do we want to be in future? Our mission should be to evangelize and be disciples; we could look at worship, service and formation; goal is to represent the parish and Catholics.
- xi. Letter from parishioner: We need to have reverence for the Mass, but keep parishioners engaged; church etiquette should be explained; Father Jack and the parish team have some ideas; Father Jack will speak to this, information will be in the Bulletin and on the overheads

- xii. Blanket Exercise: the CWL group did this exercise in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; it helps people to understand what happens to a group when decrees are issued; maybe we could do this at our retreat; Maureen will look into it
- xiii. International Safe Abortion Day: Halina will send an E-mail; goal is the establishment of an international safe abortion day at the UN; we are encouraged to sign the petition expressing our opposition to this.
- xiv. QuidNovum: check the address on the Archdiocesan website
- xv. CWL Mother's Morning Out: Need more volunteers

### **11. Parish Successes:**

Goodbye for Father Antony in August, Mass at St. Margaret's church in August, Potluck dinners, starting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Inner City Pastoral Ministry-lunch at the Bissell Centre on September 4th, lots of people attended, <sup>and</sup> Supper clubs starting soon-have 6-8 groups with 6-8 per group

### **12. What are we hearing from parishioners?**

- a) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?  
Halina inquired if we have a committee dealing with people who are near death; we have a care ministry and parishioners are encouraged to call for assistance. Some parishioners feel that we should have more time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and more quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- b) There will be a Welcoming Mass and breakfast for new parishioners on January 15, 2017. Please consider attending this Mass/breakfast to welcome our new parishioners. There will be a person from Bethlehem selling carvings on November 20th.
- c) Ministry Liaison Reports: Contact your representatives and see if they have any issues to be brought to PPC

### **13. Significant Dates:**

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, October 1st at 9AM
- b) Next PPC meeting; Wednesday, October 12th at 7PM: photos (new members) 6:30 and group photo at 6:45

**14.** The closing prayer was led by Maureen; meeting adjourned at 9:45PM

### **Follow-up Action Items:**

1. Contact your Ministry Liaisons re any issues for PPC-all members
2. Help with Stewardship Sunday on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th-all members
3. PPC Commissioning on October 23<sup>rd</sup> -10:30 Mass-all members
4. Contact Sandy Prather re PPC Retreat-Maureen
5. Read and sign Halina's E-mail re abortion-all members
6. Give ideas to Maureen re guest speakers-all members
7. Church Etiquette follow-up-Father Jack