MINUTES for PPC MEETING: September 14th, 2022

Members Present: Father Jim, Father Mario, Deacon Lynn, Bridget Kenny, Rita Sandmaier, Steve Tymko, Ana Fichtner, Ron Ross, Pauline Maisonneuve and Helen Doyle

AGENDA ITEM	LEADER	REF#
1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Deacon Lynn	1
2. Review and Approval of Agenda- an amended agenda will be sent for the recording of minutes	Bridget	2
3. Review and approval of minutes from June 8th: an error was detected in the finance report-will be corrected and the minutes will be re-sent to all to be approved at the next meeting	Bridget	3
4. Pastor's Opening Comments: Father Jim advised that we are still recovering from covid and hope to get back to normal attendance and programs in the near future. Our goal for this meeting is to discuss our hopes and aspirations for the parish. We will be celebrating Masses at all the schools soon, and very pleased with the cooperation of ABJ for open-air Mass on Sept. 15 th . An increased number of people are accessing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will need increased monetary contributions to serve additional numbers of parishioners. A round-table discussion was held to get ideas on re-engaging parishioners and encouraging them to return to weekend/daily Masses Several ideas were expressed for re-engaging those parishioners who don't feel safe returning to Masses yet: • The peace symbol is more meaningful now as people look into each other's eyes as opposed to a mere handshake • Any E-mails that are sent should have the message contained in the body of the E-mail and not an attachment • Keep up the greeting and sanitizing at all Masses • Encourage people to attend the Ecumenical Mission • A letter could be sent to former parishioners inviting them back • Have parish staff and/or volunteers call people to invite them back • Hold a welcoming event e.g. a pancake breakfast • Challenge current parishioners to bring a new person to Mass • Look for ways to encourage youth to attend Mass-could be done via the schools • Have Hospitality after Sunday Masses • Encourage people to volunteer so they feel more committed • Greet people after the Mass as well as before • Father Jim will contact Maureen Landry re the Hospitality Ministry.	Father Jim All	4

5. Review Action Items:	Bridget	<u>5</u>
a) What has been completed?	Bilager	<u> -</u>
b) What can be removed?		
Item tabled till next meeting		
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6. Standing Reports: a) Liturgy: Nil Report		<u>6</u>
1	Ron Ross	
b) Finance/Parish Business Report: Ron Ross advised that: total income in the first half of 2022 is about 2% lower than in 2021,	KUII KUSS	
but operational costs continue to be less than our income; our		
bookkeeper has resigned and Arden Playford will assume those		
responsibilities; the volunteer coordinator is on a medical leave		
and her duties will be assigned to other staff; monitoring of staff		
levels will continue; a third priest should be joining OLPH soon;		
the sign landscaping was completed over the summer and new		
lamps are being installed in the foyer.		
c) Parish/School Relations: Natalie advised that:		
a) Monday, Aug. 29 th was Opening Day for EICS staff, and the		
entire staff attended the 8:30 Mass; guest speaker was Sarah Hart;	Natalie	
theme for the school year is: Better together: One Body in Christ;		
donations were accepted for the Laurana Shelter.		
b) ABJ will celebrate an open-air Mass at the football field on		
Sept. 15 th , staff and students from Madonna will also attend;		
c) St. Luke School will come to OLPH for their school Mass on		
Sept. 15 th ; other schools are booking for October and our challenge		
is to have enough adult volunteers for the Masses		
d) Several student retreats are being planned as well as adoration,		
and weekly classroom visits from our priests; interest is high to		
build relationships with the church		
e) Elementary schools are interested in booking trips to tour the church; additional volunteers will be required for this		
f) Catholic Education Sunday is in November		
d) Sacraments: Natalie advised that:		
a) Registration forms for Sacramental preparation were delivered		
to all grades 2-8 during the first week of school	Natalie	
b) The Confirmation preparation program will be held twice this		
year; monthly classes for grades 6-8 will continue in the church		
and ABJ will offer the classes during lunch		
c) The fall Confirmation class has 35 students registered; parents		
attended an introductory meeting on Sept. 7 th and the first class		
will be on Sept. 21 st		
d) The family workbook used for at-home preparation-Alive in the		
Spirit is being discontinued-we have enough for now and,		
hopefully, our order will be filled for the spring classes; the other		
workbook-Gifted by God will continue to be used for the monthly		
classes e) There are 54 children registered for First Reconciliation and		
First Holy Communion, with 11 still to complete their sacraments		
e) Visioning update: Father Jim advised that this Ministry is not		
functioning now-will contact Maureen Landry to discuss	Father Jim	
f) Youth: Report: Nil Report		
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7. New Business: a) Round Table Parish Blessings and Challenges	All	7
See comments in #4		
8. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard?		<u>8</u>
Pauline advised that the CWL had their wind-up in June and gave out long-term service awards to several members; there was a great anniversary celebration for Father Jack on June 10 th ; their centennial tree was blessed by Father Jim, will be selling Grey Cup tickets again this year, looking at increasing the membership fee from \$30 to \$40, will be making apple pies for sale on September 15 th , had a recent presentation on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Pauline	-
for children 3-6, fall market will be held on November 5 th , and recently donated \$4,000 to the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. Ecumenical Mission: Rita advised that the mission will be held from October 2 nd -5 th , with the closing session to be at OLPH; theme will be: Jesus and Archaeology, with guest speaker, Dr. Stephen Chambers, Lutheran Church of Canada.	Rita	
9. Wrap-up a) Challenges and Blessings Roundtable:	Bridget All	
b) Next PPC Meeting-Wednesday, October 12th-7:00PMc) Closing Prayer	Bridget Father Jim	<u>9</u>
10. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM	Bridget	<u>10</u>

ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person	Due Date	Status	Date	Comments
		Responsible			Completed	
April 13 th , 2022	Discuss enrichment retreat	Father Jim	October			
	for the fall and invite other	and Bridget	15th, 2022			
	groups to participate					
June 8 th , 2022	Compose a video on the	Father Jim	October			
	importance of signing up for		15th, 2022			
	ministries prior to Mass					
September 14 th ,	Review suggestions for	Visioning	October			
2022	bringing parishioners back	Committee	30 th , 2022			
	and form a concrete plan					
December 8 th ,	Advise Bridget of list of					
2021	parish groups with whom we	Father Jim	October			
	should be liaising		15th, 2022			
October 13 th ,	Review list of potential	Father Jim	October			
2021	candidates for PPC for 22/23	and Bridget	15th, 2022			
May 11 th , 2022	Compose a video on how to	Father Jim	October			
	place the cross on the altar		15th, 2022			
	after Masses					

Key Decisions/Conversations

6(e)	Father Jim will contact Maureen Landry re a revival of the	
	Hospitality Ministry	