

MINUTES for PPC MEETING: November 14th, 2022

Members Present: Father Jim, Deacon Lynn, Bridget Kenny, Steve Tymko, Natalie Lavigne, Pauline Maisonneuve, Trevor Blunt, Greg Dixon, Don Snider and Helen Doyle

AGENDA ITEM

LEADER

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<u>1.</u> Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Natalie	<u>1</u>
<u>2.</u> Review and Approval of Agenda-the agenda was approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>2</u>
<u>3.</u> Review and approval of minutes from October; the minutes were amended as follows: The second number 5 on the first page was changed to 6, and number 6 changed to 7; Standing Reports: #2-Sacraments-changed to d, and last sentence in b changed to: This preparation is in addition to the regular class for all parents requesting to baptize a child.	Bridget	<u>3</u>
<u>4. Pastor's Opening Comments:</u> Father Jim advised that he has approached 2 parishioners to join PPC and is waiting to hear from them; Ana has decided not to continue as a PPC member; Catholic Education Sunday went well, with all schools participating in the Ministries; the Mass schedule has been set for Christmas, and Father Vince has arrived at OLPH; he is very busy.	Father Jim	<u>4</u>
<u>5. Generative Discussion:</u> What makes a welcoming parish community? Several ideas were presented for making our parish more welcoming: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal contact, using the name of individual, if possible• Pastor greeting parishioners and visitors at door of the church• Greeters/ambassadors welcome people as they enter church• Recognizing guests at the beginning of the Mass• Having guests bring up the gifts• Have a welcoming package and small gift for new parishioners• ABJ could be approached to have students be greeters/ambassadors• Have a playground on the premises to encourage younger families to attend• Advertise activities on social media• Have a kiosk in the foyer for quick access to information• Have coffee/snacks after Mass and encourage people to stay and socialize• We will need a lead person for the hospitality ministry• Offer church tours, especially for new parishioners• Put info in the Bulletin and encourage people to sign up for hospitality/welcoming• Rosary before Mass could be a comfort for some• Bring good ideas back from other parishes• Ensure that our website is current• Celebrate our successes in welcoming parishioners There is a visioning committee meeting on November 25 th and those ideas will be discussed there	Bridget	<u>5</u>

<p>6. Review Action Items:</p> <p>a) What has been completed?</p> <p>b) What can be removed?</p> <p>The first 4 items on the list have been completed and deleted; the other 3 items will remain on the list</p>	Bridget	<u>6</u>
<p>7 Standing Reports:</p> <p>a) Liturgy: Written Report: Looking for leads for hospitality and greeters ministries, may create a Prayers of the Faithful ministry connected to scripture, encouraging all members to use flock notes and complete the safety equation courses, sign-up is encouraged for all Masses, a tentative schedule is completed for Christmas and New Year's Masses, an interior map is being developed to support communications with ministries and the annual day of confessions will be on Dec. 17th</p> <p>b) Finance/Parish Business: Trever Blunt advised that: ordinary receipts to the end of Sept. were approximately 4% less than that of 2021, but operational costs were also less; there is a slight increase in revenue in Oct. 2022 versus that of Oct. 2021; Sunday Missals are available in the office for \$5; all evening meetings should end by 9PM, and doors should be locked; our volunteer coordinator will not be returning till Feb. 2023, so will be hiring a new part-time person, the maintenance committee is back online, snow removal has been done and lighting upgrades are continuing</p> <p>c) Parish/School Relations: Natalie advised that:</p> <p>a) During October, our clergy :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in 24 classroom visits • Celebrated 11 Masses at schools-2 of those were followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament • Celebrated 2 Masses at Camp Van Es (1 for chaplains and 1 for a gr. 4 retreat) • Celebrated 3 school Masses at OLPH church <p>b) OLPH team and EICS staff met on Nov. 3rd to discuss parish/school relations, faith formation and event planning</p> <p>c) Catholic Education Sunday was re-scheduled to Nov. 13th, staff and students volunteered at ministries and Masses were followed by coffee and fellowship in the foyer</p> <p>d) Sacraments: Natalie advised that:</p> <p>a) 51 children celebrated First Reconciliation in Oct. and many parents also celebrated the sacrament with their children</p> <p>b) The Family Baptism Retreat was held on Oct. 23rd-four families participated intending to have their children baptized in Nov. or Dec.</p> <p>c) First Communion Masses will be held on Dec. 3rd and 4th; Mass times are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat. Dec. 3rd-5PM for a child who attends a school other than those listed below • Sun. Dec. 4th-8:30AM-Ecole Pere Kearns and Madonna • Sun. Dec. 4th-10:30AM-Holy Spirit and St. Theresa • Sun. Dec.4th-12:30PM-St Nicholas, Holy Redeemer and St. Luke Schools <p>d) Registrations for first Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation in 2023 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter-27 pre-registered to begin preparation in Jan 	<p>Bridget</p> <p>Trever Blunt/Arden Playford</p> <p>Natalie</p> <p>Natalie</p>	<u>7</u>

