

MINUTES for PPC MEETING: April 12th, 2023

Members Present: Father Jim, Bridget Kenny, Natalie Lavigne, Rita Sandmaier, Deacon Lynn, Tracy Lockhart, Greg Dixon, Steve Tymko, Garnett Genuis and Helen Doyle

Regrets: Father Vince and Pauline Maisonneuve

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>REF#</u>
1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Garnett	<u>1</u>
<u>2.</u> Review and Approval of Agenda-the agenda was amended to include # c-Canada Summer Jobs Report under #8.	Bridget	<u>2</u>
<u>3.</u> Review and approval of minutes from January: the minutes were approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>3</u>
<u>4. Pastor's Opening Comments:</u> Father Jim advised that the Easter Triduum services were very reverent and participation was excellent; he will go to Camrose tomorrow to bless the site for a new Catholic school.	Father Jim	<u>4</u>
<u>5. Action Items:</u> Six items from the list were completed and therefore deleted; the others will remain on the list.	Bridget	<u>5</u>
<u>6. Generative Discussion:</u> Youth Ministry at OLPH; What parts of youth ministry have worked well in the past? What ideas do we have for youth ministry going forward? Tricia Murphy provided insight into the ministry from her perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She started with high school, junior high and Young Disciples• Conducted online discussions when covid started• Offered retreats for different parishes, and outdoor adoration• After covid, tried to meet once a week for faith and fun activities; Sunday was chosen as the day so they could attend Mass and meet after• Youth from other parishes attended our events as well• Getting youth to continue after Young Disciples is a good idea as they have friends from that group who also attend• Advertise program at ABJ and to the Confirmation classes; encourage youth to invite their peers to the program• Try to have our program fit into the agendas of youth• Good catechesis is important, and, ultimately saving souls <p>Tricia will not be returning to this position next year, due to other commitments; Father Jim expressed THANKS on behalf of OLPH for her excellent service.</p> <p>Decision: what to do for future of youth ministry at OLPH: Discussion will continue at next meeting; previous model was for OLPH to contribute 50% of the salary for the staff person from EICS.</p> <p>A committee of 4 will meet and discuss next steps; members are: Bridget, Natalie, Garnett and Tracy</p>	Tricia Murphy	<u>6</u>

<p><u>7 Standing Reports:</u></p> <p>a) Liturgy: Bridget advised that: All Easter week services were well-attended and liturgies went well.</p> <p>b) Finance/Parish Business: Arden advised that: Together we Serve giving is up about 20% over this time last year, funeral services were provided for 21 families in the first quarter of this year, Gabby Sheptak will be leaving OLPH for another job, ground maintenance work will soon be starting, lighting upgrades are finished for now, and the baptismal font is operating successfully.</p> <p>c) 1. Parish/School Relations: Natalie advised that:</p> <p>a) During March our clergy:</p> <p>Participated in 22 classroom visits, and 5 class Masses</p> <p>b) Natalie represented OLPH at Ecole OLPH and ABJ Open Houses</p> <p>c) March 3rd was EICS Faith and Wellness PD Day; keynote speaker was Chief Cadmus Delorme on Truth and Reconciliation and the Indigenous World View</p> <p>d) Hosted EICS principals on March 14th for our quarterly meeting; the following topics were discussed: Schools will consider hosting a 12:30 Mass as a community-building event and provide hospitality after, Invited school choirs to provide music at some of our weekend Masses, Have some activity to mark the passage of grade 4's and 8's to a new school, some examples are: stop at the church for a blessing when going to tour new school, a retreat for grade 8's, planned and led by ABJ students, have ABJ students attend the grade 8 farewell at the church as a bridging activity, have a bible retreat/liturgy for grade 4's at the church after they receive their bibles, Expand attendance at the football field Mass as a bridging activity for grade 8's</p> <p>How can OLPH contribute to Truth and Reconciliation?</p> <p>Some suggestions were: Obtain mini copies of the TRC Calls to Action and distribute to parishioners, introduce First Nations symbols in the church, develop partnerships with Sacred Heart Parish and schools in Edmonton, and offer the Blanket exercise to parish groups</p> <p>e) French immersion staff and students attended a French-language Mass on March 23rd, celebrated by Fr. Kris Schmidt</p> <p>f) Catholic Education week will be celebrated from May 15th - 19th; the annual GrACE student art contest will be held and awards presented to winners at Sunday Masses.</p> <p>d) 2. Sacraments: Natalie advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 40 children celebrated First Holy Communion in March • The final session for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will run from April-June-75 children are registered; First Reconciliation celebration will be on May 13th and First Holy Communion on June 17th and 18th. • Eleven students participated in service activity at OLPH during spring break, Confirmation will be in June • Theme for April is discipleship, and Father Jim will conduct teaching Masses for the students and their parents. <p>e) Visioning Update: Included in Generative Discussion</p>	<p>Bridget</p> <p>Tracy/Arden</p> <p>Natalie</p> <p>Natalie</p> <p>Father Jim</p>	<p><u>7</u></p>
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f) Youth: See Generative Discussion	Tricia Murphy	
8: New Business: a) Progress of Senior's Centre: A group of parishioners and Archdiocesan employees is continuing to explore this topic; several points of clarification are being requested of the developer, and will be shared with parishioners when we receive more info b) Easter Triduum: Liturgy committee continues to review protocols to improve for next year. c) Canada Summer Jobs Report: Tabled till next meeting	Father Jim Bridget Garnett	<u>8</u> 2
9. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard? a) CWL: Pauline advised (written report) that: L'Arche Irish dinner was a great success, Stand for the Land solidarity Sunday-Development and Peace Share Lent was well-received, assisted with food prep for the Chrism Mass on April 3 rd , and with the ICPM lunch on April 9 th ,; the Edmonton Diocesan Convention will be held in Red Deer from April 28 th -30 th , will be having 12 hours of prayer for palliative care on May 4 th , Strawberry Tea and Fashion Show will be on May 10 th , will be giving \$500 to Vacation Bible Camp, CWL intentions Mass and Feast of our Lady of Good Counsel will be on April 26 th , thanks to Father Vince for the Happy Easter posters, and a letter has gone to the city and the CWL Diocese re topless swimming in city pools. b) K of C: Greg advised that: K of C are sponsoring a pancake breakfast this coming weekend after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses, and will speak to Father Jim re flock notes for all members c) Others: Nil-in the interests of time, it was recommended that this topic be moved to the beginning of the agenda	Pauline Greg Father Jim	2 10
10. Wrap-up a) Challenges and Blessings Roundtable: b) Next PPC Meeting-Wednesday, May 10th-7:00PM c) Closing Prayer Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM	Bridget All Bridget Deacon Lynn Bridget	10

ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
February 8 th , 2023	Contact EICS Indigenous consultant to get a rep to come to OLPH to discuss Truth and Reconciliation	Steve	May 31st 2023			
March 8 th , 2023	Train altar servers to be greeters prior to Masses	Amanda	May 28th, 2023			
March 8 th , 2023	Discuss the potential for a marriage prep course here	Father Jim	May 30 th , 2023			
November 14 th , 2022	Contact parishioners to further define the Welcoming Ministry	Father Jim	May 30 th , 2023			
June 8 th , 2022	Compose a video of the importance of signing up for	Father Jim	May 30 th , 2023			

	ministries prior to Mass; get feedback from Liturgy Council re their thoughts					

KEY Decisions/Conversations:

Have a planning meeting on June 3rd, starting at 9:30 to determine goals for 2023/24