MINUTES for PPC MEETING: September 13th, 2023

Members Present: Father Jim, Father Mario, Father Ben, Bridget Kenny, Greg Dixon, Uduak Akpan, Rod Randolph, Natalie Lavigne, and Helen Doyle

Regrets: Garnett Genuis, and Pauline Maisonneuve AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM	LEADER	REF#
1.Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Bridget	1
2. Bridget welcomed all members and we all introduced	2110800	=
ourselves	Bridget	2
3. Review and Approval of Agenda-the agenda was approved as	Bridget	<u>2</u> <u>3</u>
distributed	Bridget	<u> </u>
4. The May meeting minutes were approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>4</u>
5. Pastor's Opening Comments: Father Jim advised that he feels	Father Jim	<u>.</u> <u>5</u>
blessed to be the Pastor at OLPH; we have a great parish team,	i duioi siiii	<u> =</u>
with many activities going on-e.g. RCIA meeting tonight and some		
youth taking Confirmation classes at ABJ.		
6. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard?	Pauline	<u>6</u>
a) CWL: Pauline advised that Grey Cup tickets will be available	1 ddillic	<u> </u>
soon, and the fabulous fall market will take place on November 4 th		
b) K of C: Greg advised that the Council meeting was held on		
September 5 th , with more than 30 members present;		
implementation of Flock notes is a work in progress; the Valentine		
dinner, dance and silent auction will be held on February 10th;		
other initiatives planned are: pancake breakfasts, blood donor	Greg	
clinics, Octoberfest, coats for kids, K of C faith program, Holy	3108	
Hour, Inner City Pastoral Ministry, ABJ scholarships, New		
Ukrainian Welcoming Barbecue, Meal Packaging, Men of Faith		
Retreat, and a Membership drive. The annual Memorial Mass for		
deceased knights and CWL members will be held on November 8 th		
c) Correspondence: Father Jim advised that there is a Spirit	Father Jim	
Award for a deserving student from ABJ who is active in the		
parish, sponsored by Elk Island Catholic School Board; the REAL		
Foundation offers a similar award from OLPH.		
Thank-you notes were signed for Steve Tymko and Rita		
Sandmaier for their service on PPC.		
d) All others: Father Jim advised that our prayers of the faithful are		
now being composed by parishioners; we are now doing 2 Masses	Father Jim	
per month at Capital Care Nursing Home; we were approached by		
a parishioner to start a Children's Liturgy at the 10:30 Sunday		
Mass-will request a proposal to outline volunteers and content for		
the Liturgy. Also, a note will be put in the Bulletin to gauge		
interest for this activity. Discussions are ongoing with the		
developers re the Senior's Housing project; also in discussion for		
land in Bremner if a new church is needed at a later date.		
7. Action Items: Two items from the list were completed and		
therefore deleted; the item re Indigenous information was amended	Bridget	<u>7</u>
to state that Natalie will discuss the request with the EICS		
coordinator of faith and wellness about an awareness session after		
an evening Mass. There is ongoing discussion about a marriage		
prep course here; most couples preparing for marriage access the		
course online. Bridget will send an E-mail to a few PPC groups to		
see if they would be interested in hosting hospitality after weekend		
Masses. Other items will remain on the list.		

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8. Generative Discussion:		
Father Jim advised that greater numbers are attending the daily	Father Jim	<u>8</u>
Masses, and we still need more volunteers for the ministries;		
having hymnals available in the pews was stated as a concern by a		
few parishioners. It was recommended that this issue be given to		
the Liturgy Council for their input		
9 Standing Reports:		<u>9</u>
a) Liturgy: Nil report as no meeting was held yet for the fall	Bridget	
b) Finance/Parish Business: Nil report as no meeting was held	Bridget	
yet for the fall.		
c) 1. Parish/School Relations: Natalie advised that:		
a) An opening-day Mass was celebrated for EICS staff with		
Archbishop Smith on August 29 th ; keynote speaker was Father Leo		
Patalinghug.		
b) There will be 8 school Masses in September, with one here at		
OLPH; the Mass at ABJ was moved indoors due to the rain.	Natalie	
c) Weekly classroom visits will start in mid-September; clergy will		
attend Meet the Teacher nights, School Council meetings and		
assist at retreats in the first part of September.		
d) Mental health retreats-Here comes the sun-will be held at OLPH		
on October 10 th , 11 th and 12 th		
e) School Advent Masses and/or concerts will be held in December		
at OLPH-details being finalized		
d) 2. Sacraments: Natalie advised that:		
 Approximately 50 children are registered for the First 		
Reconciliation and First Holy Communion sessions to be		
held on September-11 th , 14 th -Opening Mass and Intro to		
Reconciliation, October 14 th -Reconciliation Retreat Day,		
October 21 st -First Reconciliation Family Celebration,		
October 23 rd , October 26 th -Intro to First Communion,		
November 25 th -First Communion Retreat Day, November		
27 th , November 28 th -First Communion Teaching Mass and		
Practise, and December 2 nd and 3 rd -First Holy Communion		
Celebrations		
 Approximately 30 youth are registered for Confirmation 		
preparation; this number will likely increase as		
registrations come in; Archbishop Smith will confirm		
candidates here on December 6 th .		
ABJ will offer the lunch hour Chosen program for	E d T	
sacramental prep again this year	Father Jim	
 The parish needs more volunteer catechists for the 		
Sacramental programs		
e) Visioning Update: Nil report		
f) Youth: Father Jim advised that he will discuss a potential youth		
program here with the youth Minister from St. Theresa's parish		
9: New Business:		
a) Care Centre Mass: See Ministry Liaison Report-d	Father Jim	<u>10</u>
b) Canada Summer Jobs: Bridget will meet with Arden and		
Garnet Genuis re application for 2024	Bridget	
c) Hospitality: See Action items #6	Bridget	
d) Elevate Youth Retreat: Natalie will discuss date for the	Natalie	
retreat with the sponsors		

e) Change of meeting time for PPC meetings: All members agreed to move the meeting start time from 7PM to 6:30PM	Bridget	
10. Wrap-up	Bridget	
a) Challenges and Blessings Roundtable:	All	
b) Next PPC Meeting-Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30PM	Bridget	<u>11</u>
c) Closing Prayer	Father Ben	
Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM	Bridget	

ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person	Due Date	Status	Date	Comments
		Responsible			Completed	
February 8 th , 2023	Contact EICS Coordinator of Faith and Wellness to arrange a speaker for after an evening Mass to present an awareness session on Truth and Reconciliation	Natalie	October 31 st , 2023			
March 8 th , 2023	Train altar servers to be greeters prior to Masses	Amanda- Natalie will check this with Amanda	October 28th, 2023			
September 13 th , 2023	Ask Liturgy Committee for comments re having hymnals in the pews	Natalie	October 30 th , 2023			
November 14 th , 2022	Bridget will send an E-mail to a few PPC groups to gauge interest in doing hospitality after weekend Masses	Bridget	October 30 th , 2023			
June 8 th , 2022	Compose a video of the importance of signing up for ministries prior to Mass	Father Jim	October 30 th , 2023			
September 13 th , 2023	Put a note in the Bulletin re potential for a Children's Liturgy at the 10:30 Sunday Mass	Natalie	October 30 th , 2023			
May 10 th , 2023	Give names of potential PPC members to Father Jim	All	October 30, 2023			

<u>KEY Decisions/Conversations:</u>
 PPC meeting start time was moved from 7PM to 6:30 PM