

**Meeting St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes – May 9, 2017, 18:00-20:00**

Attendees:

Joanne Lee (*Chair*)

Jacqueline Dawson (*Vice-chair*)

Chris Adam (*Exec. Director*)

Richard Beaudette (*Pastor*)

Walter Hughes (*Faith Formation & Initiation Cluster*)

Angela McCanny (*Secretary/Pastoral Care & Social Justice Cluster*)

Iyobosa Grace Igbinedion (*9:30 Mass*)

Patricia Malikail (*Finance Committee Chair*)

Regrets:

Terry Byrne (*5:00 Mass*)

Roshene Lawson (*11:30 Mass*)

Jenine Figurado (*University Mass*)

Greg Forestell (*Treasurer*)

Vacant: *Community Building Cluster, Liturgy Cluster*

Summary:

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** (5 min.) – Joanne Lee
Thank you to Walter for his work on coordinating the Volunteer Appreciation Event on May 1 and to Melanie Forget for offering the new Financial Coaching ministry.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Ratification of Minutes of Meeting of April 11, 2017** (1 min.) – Angela McCanny
Approved

Discussion Items Carried Forward from Previous PPC Meetings

- a. **Yearly Calendar:** Discussed and agreed that the calendar will be used on an ongoing basis as a working document and guide for planning.
- b. **Outreach to Sandy Hill:** Agreed that we would host a free concert in the fall, inviting all our Sandy Hill neighbours. A planning committee will be formed to coordinate the event: refreshments, greeting, advertising (eg. community newspaper, signs, hand-delivered flyers to apartment buildings), etc.

ACTION ITEM – Fr. Richard will talk to Jamie about the choir’s involvement in a free concert as outreach to the Sandy Hill community.

Review of Action Items

Item 73 – Revised - The Chair will send a thank you card to the Refugee Outreach Committee on behalf of the PPC to express our appreciation for their ongoing service on behalf of parish.

4. Ongoing PPC Business

4a. Pastor’s Report – Fr. Richard

- The feast of St. Kateri was a well celebrated at a combined liturgy on April 30 with a wonderful gathering of The Kateri Native Ministry and St. Joseph’s communities. The Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa had an active leadership role in the liturgy; Fr. Daryold Winkler, preached and Fr. Normand Bonneau, OMI and Fr. Hasina, SJ and Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI concelebrated. Several parishioners from other parishes around the city gathered with us and all the comments after were extremely positive. Fr. Daryold mentioned in his remarks that St. Joseph’s is probably the only parish in Ottawa that is taking any initiative in responding to the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- The Easter celebrations were extremely well organized and celebrated. Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI, presided at the Good Friday afternoon liturgy, while Fr. Richard presided at the Good Friday Children’s liturgy in the morning. Many thanks to Jamie for his masterful crafting of the liturgies (despite returning home from France on Wednesday of Holy Week). Thanks to the large number of volunteers who assisted throughout the Triduum.
- The Sunday evening University Eucharist concluded on April 23. Each young adult attending is invited and expected to volunteer for one ministry each semester. There is a tremendous response from the regulars, who have taken ownership of their celebration.
- The Marriage Preparation Weekend took place on May 6/7. Fr. Richard is involved with the couples doing the paperwork and preparing the celebrations.
- Fr. Richard will be attending the Ontario Oblate District community days in Arnprior the week of May 15.

4b. Executive Director’s Report – Chris Adam

- 1st lecture in the new series on faith specific topics will be on Wed. May 24. Chris Adam will present on the poem “Apocrapha” by Hungarian poet, János Pilinszky.
- Parking lot did well in April bringing in more than \$20 000. Revenue is expected to be less in May with regular classes at the university on summer break.
- Michelle Miller, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Young Adult Ministry, will be leaving her position in June. Her replacement is being sought through advertising in several places.

- The stair lift is expected to be ready for use by the end of May and we hope to invite our MPP to the AGM for unveiling in recognition of the generous funding provided by the Trillium Foundation.
- The choirs that use the church will be notified over the next weeks of a modest rise in the fees for church rental.

ACTION ITEM – The Chair will send a card to Michelle Miller on behalf of the PPC to thank her for her work in the parish and to wish her our best in her new position.

4c. Finance Committee - Patricia Malikail

There was discussion regarding changing the name of the Bequests Fund to make the name consistent with the function of the reserve as described in the Parish Reserves Policy. However, it was decided not to pursue this change for the 2016 statement because further changes regarding names of funds are envisioned for 2017.

4d. AGM Preparations - Jacqueline Dawson

Ministry Reports are due Mon. May 29. It was suggested that the write up for ministries that do not submit a report will be the ministry description from the Parish Guidebook. The signs inviting parishioners to vote for the two ministries to present at the AGM will be posted this coming weekend, May 13/14. Brandon will present the slide presentation at the AGM.

It was agreed that in preparation for the 2018 AGM, we work on a way of obtaining meaningful reports from the ministries through revising the template and asking more specific leading questions.

4e. Elections update – Fr. Richard and Joanne Lee

The Nominating Committee has been selected. Fr. Richard and Joanne will meet with them on Wed. May 10. The ministries have been notified about selecting a representative for their clusters through email and personal conversation with the leaders of various ministries. The Easter edition of The New Spirit included an article about upcoming elections and a notice will go in the bulletin for this coming weekend.

4f. Upcoming Parish/Ministry events – nothing new to be discussed at this time

5. Standing Discussion Items (50 min.)

5a. Vision/Faith – nothing to be discussed at this time

5b. Governance – nothing to be discussed at this time

5c. **Community** – nothing to be discussed at this time

6. New Business

Unceded Algonquin Territory Announcement at the Beginning of each Liturgy

Some parishioners have asked about the purpose of the statement, wondering what action is expected of them in response. There are questions about how it came to be included as a regular part of our opening remarks for our Eucharistic celebrations though it is not a formal part of the liturgy. Discussion followed about how to respond to parishioners about this statement.

Discussion included reflecting on the value of this statement, that it is meant as a sign of respect to the Algonquin people who have not ceded this land to Canada through mutual agreement. As a church, we are called to highlight areas of injustice and so making the statement at the beginning of each liturgy helps us become more aware of the issue and to pray for the success of current land settlement negotiations.

ACTION ITEM – Angela and Walter will work on drafting a bulletin announcement about the statement regarding unceded Algonquin Territory and will circulate it to other PPC members and community members for input and revision.

7. **Food for next council meeting** (1 min.) – BBQ

8. **Member Bio** (5 min.) – none
June meeting – Greg Forestell

9. **Closing Prayer**

NEXT REGULAR PPC MEETING: June 9, 2017

JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE: May 16, 2017

PPC article for bulletin or newsletter - Jacqueline will do the May article.

Parish Council Approval

Parish Council minutes approved by consensus on:
Parish Council Chair
Joanne Lee

June 13, 2017
Minutes prepared by
Angela McCanny