

Parish Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Present: Fr. Paul, Fr. Jonathan, Hailey, Edgar, Peter, Trevor, Katia, Cristina, Matthew, Cathy, Josephene

Guest: Ted Hurley

Absent: Wayne, Bob, Marie

1. Hailey called our meeting to order.
2. Fr. Paul opened our meeting with prayer, following the Peak/Pit/Prayer formula.
3. Hailey presented on Tom Flood's behalf an update on the 40th anniversary events. Tom thanks everyone for their involvement and participation. The parish photo directory initiative will be delayed indefinitely due to continuing Covid restrictions. Tom invited Parish Council to participate in a Mass with parish founding members. And to take a group photo, which Hailey carried out much to the chagrin of certain members who felt unprepared in their sartorial choices for the evening.
4. Ted Hurley debriefed the Council on the Synod on Synodality. The diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has set a deadline for all parishes for the end of February to submit a report based on a kit that the diocese will be sending out soon. The diocese presents three questions for parishes to focus on as they discern and pray and listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the direction of the Church: 1. What has been your experience of Church. 2. What have been/are obstacles in your experience. 3. What do we sense the Holy Spirit is calling us to. Each parish can create its own method of putting together groups to prayerfully discern and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit through what individuals share in group sessions.
5. September minutes were approved.
6. September action points were reviewed and we are happy to report, all were accomplished. Go team!
7. Taking information from the survey regarding best date for holding the second Multiply retreat, it will take place on Saturday, November 27 at Holy Redeemer.
 - Josephene to create a draft of the invitation to send to Fr. Paul and Hailey and Edgar
 - Hailey to create a retreat program
8. Josephene presented a supposedly updated list of all ministries in the parish but it was soon discovered that it needs revising. Alas! The ministries were divided among all voting members of the Council.
 - Council Members are to contact their assigned ministry heads informally, to introduce themselves and inquire into the well-being of the ministry head and their ministry in general. ASAP
 - Please send Josephene corrections necessary to the ministries list.

The check-ins will be conducted quarterly, and only until the Volunteer Coordinator (title still to be determined) takes on that duty. It was suggested that the first formal check-in follow a pre-Advent Ministry Head Retreat (also held quarterly) that will tie in with the Testimonial Seminar initiative created by Cristina and Matthew. Which is the most amazing idea EvEr. See Item #9.

9. Cristina and Matthew proposed an initiative that will enable parishioners to prepare and give their testimonials. Using the CCO workshop videos related to this topic (how to create a

testimonial? How to give your testimonial?), PC would provide sessions to leaders of the parish, first, as a way to satisfy our parish mission, which is to create missionary disciples. Cristina and Matthew will formulate a clearer program and present it to the Council at the next meeting.

10. Hailey presented a letter from Fred Stuyt, a parishioner, regarding an advertisement in a recent parish bulletin created by a ministry that supported efforts to reduce methane gas, specifically in the dietary reduction of meat consumption. PC agreed that the parish bulletin should not be a place to express opinions.
 - Fr. Paul resolved to read through the bulletin more carefully before signing off his approval of them.
 - Hailey will contact Fred.
11. Fr. Jonathan lead us in a closing prayer.
12. Date of next meeting: November 24 is proposed since the priests are gone November 17. Mass will be held before this meeting with PC and the founding members, as proposed by Tom Flood.
13. Adjourned.