
Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes

Thursday, March 5th, 2026 @ 19:00

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Greg Roth (Late) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Arugay – Year 3 (possible Final) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Prosper Abotsi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bev Canaday – Year 3 (final) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Hickey - Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronwynn Cutts – Year 5 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Haan (Chair) Year 2 (Late) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Devyn Hucul – Year 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brett Berry (Vice Chair) Year 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Griffith – Year 6 (Final) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Schmidt (Past Chair) Year 4 (possible Final) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jayne Lozada – Year 3 (possible Final) |

Introduction:

1. Opening prayer and discussion. *Read John 4:5-42*
 - Reflection
 - Kirk - Prayer
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes and matters arising from minutes.
 - Motion made by Dean
 - Seconded by Jayne
 - Approved
3. Agenda review and approval.
 - Motion made by Dean
 - Seconded by Bev
 - Approved

Main goal(s):

1. Soup and serve ministry event debrief.
 - **Overall Feedback**
 - The event was very positive and well-received.
 - Strong appreciation expressed to PC from attendees.
 - Structure, organization, and speakers/testimonies were all highly praised.
 - About 8 people signed up for ministries.
 - **Value of the Event**
 - Valuable opportunity for ministries to connect, dialogue, and explore collaboration.
 - Helped increase awareness of ministries and their needs.
 - Reinforced that personal invitations are the most effective way to engage people.
 - **Opportunities for Ongoing Engagement**
 - Share ministry messages regularly in smaller, ongoing ways rather than one-time events:
 - Incorporate short testimonials more frequently ("everyone needs to hear these").
 - Use multiple communication channels:
 - Mass announcements (possibly through the priest)
 - Bulletin
 - Website / YouTube / Facebook / social media

- Create a visible "bank" of ministry opportunities and needs so parishioners can easily see where help is needed.
- **Ministry Promotion Ideas**
 - Introduce a weekly "Ministry Spotlight":
 - Highlight one ministry per week (approx. 50 weeks/year excluding major liturgical seasons).
 - Share through bulletin and/or Mass announcements.
 - Include short "snapshots" or testimonials.
 - Consider a ministry information "blitz" in the weeks leading up to the September ministry sign-up event.
 - Explore integrating ministry highlights into other parish events:
 - Adapt the AGM format to include accessible and engaging ministry showcases (similar to Soup & Serve).

ACTION ITEM: *Kirk will talk to office staff about producing a ministry highlight weekly in the bulletin and/or in Mass announcements. Potential to add 'ministry spotlight' into the rotation.*

ACTION ITEM: *Can we post 'circle of ministry' visual from Facebook page in the welcome area?*

2. Choose charity for Holy Thursday loose collection.
 - Mustard Seed – Shelter and food for homeless

ACTION ITEM: *Fr. Greg to relay the decision to Trina.*

Smaller goal(s):

3. Extra business arising.
 - TRC Request – Fr Greg
 - TRC requests to move the Treaty Medal and the Sash by the welcome desk, on the wall
 - Land Acknowledgement
 1. Fr. Greg shared a draft land acknowledgement that could be made into a plaque
 2. Clarify when and where the land acknowledgement would be used: Appropriate settings may include AGM, TRC Day, Fall Supper, and other parish events Not intended for use during Mass

ACTION ITEM: *Fr. Greg to relay information back to TRC.*

4. Succession planning for Parish Council.
 - For reference - April 9th last year we were announcing openings on Parish Council
 - See terms for current members (who is leaving!?)
 - Following last year's model, nominations for council opening would be April 13th. Election would occur Sunday prior to the May meeting, then decisions ratified at the May meeting (May 7th).

ACTION ITEM: *Dean to make announcement update regarding election and share with PPC.*

ACTION ITEM: *Stephen and Jayne should decide whether to return to PPC for a second 3-year term by the April meeting.*

Update(s):

5. Help Father choose who should attend the bishop's dinner.
 - Saint Annes will buy a table and send various volunteers or staff as a 'thank you'.
6. Any updates.
 - School board trustee by-election

Closing

7. Action items review
 - Ministry highlight weekly – Kirk
 - Mustard seed decision – Fr. Greg
 - Announcement update – election
 - Stephen and Jayne – return to PPC?
 - Kirk ask Heather about image from Facebook
 - Relay – conversation to TRC – Fr Greg
 8. Closing Prayer
 9. Next meeting Thursday, April 9th @ 19:00
 10. Adjournment
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