

THE JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston &
Anglican Diocese of Ontario
March 19, 2019 - 1pm – Chancery Office, Room B

MINUTES

Attendance: Blaine Barclay, Leigh Smith, Bronek Korczynski, MaryJo MacKinnon-Simms, Valerie Kelly

Regrets: Nadia Gundert

Prayer:

Valerie

Valerie opened with Prayers from the New Zealand Prayer Book, remembering the victims of last Friday's Mosque shootings.

Approval of Agenda: moved by MaryJo; seconded by Bronek – with two additions

Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2019: moved by Lee, seconded by MaryJo - Carried

Agenda Items & Up-dates:

- Affordable Housing Forum (May 15, 2019) **All**
 - Poster distributed by e-mail
 - Registration by Eventbrite; exact amount TBA
 - Those attending from the Justice & Peace meeting, no charge
 - 9:30am arrival for 10am start; “input” sessions in the morning; discussions in afternoon to derive summaries and recommendations which will be sent to the City of Kingston
 - Wrap up by 3pm
 - Discussion: how will the Commission a) receive the recommendations and b) best utilize them for on-going discussions and raising the topic of affordable housing in the parishes c) best summarize/Executive Summary from the Social Planning Council? d) include parish announcements in bulletins e) write article for both *Journey* and *Dialogue* f) might this be a starting point for Fall 2019 action?
 - Valerie will write to Archbishop O’Brien to inquire as to how the College of Deacons might be instrumental in supporting this initiative
- Article Jc&Pc – Valerie provided a copy of the article on affordable housing for the Easter edition of *Journey*

Member announcements & brief updates:

- **PWRDF** – Bishop Oulton’s appointee **Valerie**
 - Rev. Barbara Stewart has withdrawn from the position
- **Kingston Faith and Justice Coalition** **Leigh**

- Anglican Green Group hosting a Speakers Series, first speaker is:
 - Chris Wooding, Restoring Ecological Function
 - April 25, 2019. 6pm
St George's Cathedral, Great Hall. Cost \$20.00
www.agreengroup.eventbrite.com. or at door
- **D&P**
 - Bronek reported on a Share the Journey - Caritas Canada is inviting all to walk in solidarity with the 68.5 million children, women and men who have been forced to flee their homes. Every step will send a clear message to the Canadian government that it must do more to end forced migration. We hope that many of you will join us to walk and raise funds in solidarity. The walk will cover 5 km. and will depart from Holy Family Church at 130 Wiley Street (corner of Weller) in Kingston on Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. For all questions, please contact Sr. Helen Russell at 613-766-2376.
- **Youth Ministry** **Nadia**
 - No report
- **Religious Education** **Mary-Jo**
 - MaryJo is one of three speaking about Restorative Justice at the April 4th meeting of the National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis.
- **Prison Ministry** **Sharon**
 - No report however MaryJo reported that CSC Deputy Commissioner Scott Harris recently listened to a number of prison chaplains' difficulties and challenges and took those back to the Commissioner's Office in Ottawa
- **PeaceQuest** **Bronek**
 - Unfortunately, the group, World Beyond War, that was going to assume the PeaceQuest archival material is no longer able to do so. No other option has been secured at present. PeaceQuest is considering translating the English version of the Jane's Walk – World War I Memorial Walk (downtown Kingston) into French. They are looking for a person to translate and narrate this.
- **Other:**
 - Valerie noted an up-coming event on Saturday, June 1st - Re-Imagining Places of Faith: A workshop for Eastern Ontario in Kingston ON - at The Spire. The Spire is hosting a day-long workshop where local faith groups, heritage and community organizations will share their experience, concerns and creative solutions to the challenges confronting places of faith in Eastern Ontario in an interactive and engaging format.
 - More information and a link to register can be found at www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-imagining-places-of-faith-tickets

Discussion items for next meeting:

- Discuss May 15 Housing Forum

- Start to prepare a Portfolio of the Commission for when the new RC Archbishop of the Archdiocese is announced

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 1pm; Room B

Blaine moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:15pm, with thanks given for the refreshments.

Minutes: Bronek, Leigh, Nadia, Blaine, Sharon (June meeting)

Refreshments: Mary Jo