



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2020

Time: 7pm

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing.

All twelve PPC members were present. Also present were the two parish trustees, the parish administrator, and the parish priests.

Agenda Topics

7:01 Meeting Opening

Fr. Rodger introduced new council members Teri Asiala and John Nance.

Opening Prayer lead by Cami.

Mission and Values read by Sarah M-B.

7:08 Parishioner Forum

Mike reported that the GA Responds team would like to give a progress report at the next PPC meeting.

7:09 Approval of June 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Al and seconded by John C. Approved.

7:10 New Business

PPC Liaison Assignments. PPC members may submit their requests to Fr. Rodger and Nancy. The assignments will be ready by the September PPC meeting.

Please review the PPC Calendar and send any additional items to Nancy.

Staff Update. As our finances are trending favorable to budget, 50% furloughed employees will return to full time on August 30th. Sara Fleetham will assume Early Childhood Faith Formation. Star Foster will remain at 20 hrs/week. Hope for the Journey Home (HJH) employees will return to full time one month before HJH restarts operations.

7:30 pm Old Business.

GA Response to Racial Justice: The Justice and Outreach Commission (JOC) will sponsor GA's response to racial justice. A special sub-team has been formed. Several resources have been posted in the GA website. Just Faith is holding a racial justice session for which 25 have already signed up. We are developing a relationship with St. Peter Claver. They are focusing on voter registration and the U.S. census.



Faith Formation Plans: The Archdiocese is holding an information session this coming Thursday from 2-4pm. Denny said anyone from the PPC may log into this Zoom session and he will send out details. Fr. Rodger also indicated that the status of furloughed employees would have impacted how GA did Faith Formation (We now know that they will return to FT on August 30th). Several PPC members shared their opinions and asked questions:

Do we believe we can recruit teachers for in person classes?

There is lack of clarity regarding the use of masks by children.

Remote (Zoom) is not effective for young children.

A survey of parents and catechists would be useful. Ask for preferences:

Hybrid, Virtual Academy, In person, Distance learning (e.g. Zoom)

Confirmation age kids prefer in person.

Will virtual programs follow the liturgical year. (Answer is "yes")

Perhaps we can ask for input in the upcoming parish newsletter.

Would we conduct faith formation on both Wednesday and Sunday, or only one day?

8:03 pm Administrator's Report – Denny

Fall Festival preparation is going well. About 50% of the Big Tickets have been picked up.

A "robocall" will be made to those who have not yet picked up their tickets.

The silent auction team is getting ready. There will be a curbside pickup for the chicken dinner and there will be virtual bingo on Friday night. We have a sponsor for the fireworks. It was recommended that "Text to Donate" signs be placed near the fireworks.

In general, church members are fulfilling their pledges. EFT is at 49.5%. We are running ahead of our conservative budget.

8:21 Fr. Rodger Report

Liturgy/Mass: We have removed the need for pre-registration for weekday masses. We continue with livestream only on Saturdays at 430pm. We had 86 at last week's 10am mass on Sunday. The 75 max capacity for the Sunday mass is not a "hard" limit as we have ample space to expand while keeping social distance....so we do not turn away anyone. Do we still need to ask members to sign up for the Sunday mass? Originally the pre-registration was intended to provide a means for contact tracing, but many attend without pre-registration. There is concern that many, "rule followers", may be avoiding mass because they do not want to deny someone else from a space and/or do not want to go through the sign-up process. Denny feels we can safely allow up to 150 attendees. The mass re-opening task force meets periodically and will consider changes.

8:36 pm Commission Reports.

Stewardship – is looking for time/talent/treasury witnesses. They are also looking for creative ideas for messaging. Personal, handwritten, notes are being sent to contributing members in a somewhat random basis. Several PPC members said that they would be willing to help write these thank you notes.



Communication – we continue to look for more livestreaming resources.

8:44 Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Action Items:

GA Responds report at September 2020 Meeting	Nancy/Mike
PPC Liaison requests to Fr. Rodger.	PPC
Provide additions to the PPC calendar to Nancy	PPC
Attend the Archdiocese session of Faith Formation (August 13 at 2pm)	PPC
Provide input to the Mass re-opening task force	PPC

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen