



## **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 8, 2020

**Time:** 7pm

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing. Ten of twelve PPC members were present as were both trustees, the parish administrator, and the parish priest.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **7:01 Meeting Opening**

Mission and Values read by Teri

#### **7:05 Parishioner Forum**

None

#### **7:06 Approval of August 2020 Meeting Minutes.**

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

#### **7:07 Opening Prayer**

Lead by Cami.

#### **7:05 Action Items from August 2020 Meeting.**

PPC Liaison Status – Fr. Rodger.

Teri to Liturgy. John N. to Justice and Outreach

No other changes.

PPC Calendar – Nancy

No additions

Aug 13 Archdiocese Faith Formation Workshop.

Not sure if anyone from GA attended.

Input to Mass re-opening task force – Fr. Rodger.

Sunday 10am mass will now be open for 100

There will be a cantor at the fall festival 10am service.

No changes to the Saturday livestream mass at this time.

May modify the “over 65 strongly encouraged not to attend” language. Approximately 50% of those attending mass are over 65 the way it is.

The Archdiocese is now allowing communion at the regular time during mass.



## **7:19 New Business.**

### **GA Responds Transparency & Decision Making – Mike H.**

Lay preaching preparation is beginning.

There has been no action taken by the PPC, FC or Trustee regarding elected positions. There was some confusion about the PPC Constitution. The current constitution provides for PPC appointment by the priest. The GA Responds team had an obsolete copy (circa 2000) that provided for PPC election. Discussion continued about the lack of success in achieving a diverse PPC via past elections. There has been focus over the last few years to get a more diverse PPC which has been largely successful. To provide more transparency, perhaps new members could be announced/communicated to church membership.

Cami reported that the deanery Lay Advisory Board (LAB has diverse membership opinions when it comes to promoting changes to church structure. So, the LAB should not be considered a means to communicate Guardian Angels (GA) ideas to the Archdiocese.

GA will no longer be using David Haas music at services. GA Responds recommends that this decision should be clearly communicated to church membership.

### **Racial Justice Team – Craig S, John N., Sarah M-B**

A draft statement has been created by the team (See Dropbox)

There has already been some GA activity to address this cause. Just Faith is offering a healing session. A GA member is working with St. Peter Claver to discuss ways to cooperate.

There was some discussion about how GA ministries may address diversity. However, the focus of this team is on racial justice not diversity.

**Motion:** Approve the racial justice statement created by the racial justice team. Motion made by Craig S. and seconded by Cami. PPC approved the motion unanimously.

### **Stewardship Month. – Sarah M-B**

The theme for this year's program is "We are the Church. A community who walks together." We are looking for individuals who may be willing to discuss their GA engagement via an interview with Fr. Rodger. Updates are being made to the Time & Talent forms. The Stewardship Commission is seeking new members and is creating a planning timeline.

### **Confirmation Update – Fr. Rodger**

The archdiocese is allowing confirmation to be held at the church. Three confirmation events are being planned for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Paul D is organizing these events. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a first communion mass for those who had planned to receive last spring. Nancy suggested that PPC members attend one or more of these events.



There was discussion about encouraging post-confirmation individuals to participate more in parish leadership positions. Perhaps we create a position for a post-confirmation, high school age, individual on the PPC – perhaps for a one-year term.

**Are we meeting the needs of the parish? – Nancy.**

Perhaps we should increase our outreach to young families, especially those with kids in our faith formation programs. The PPC asks that GA staff comment on this idea.

**8:13 Old Business.**

Faith Formation plans for this fall – Robyn, Sarah G. There was a meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss alternatives. A survey will be sent out soon to families to determine preferences. An email was sent to former teachers also seeking preference. It is anticipated that the fall session will start later, perhaps after MEA week. Paul D is planning virtual for some groups and in person of other. There will be no Sunday pre-school and no First Communion preparation.

Fall Festival status. – Denny.

Big Ticket sales is at ~80% of its target (which was reduced from last year.) There are a lot of ticket packages that were never picked up. Virtual Bingo should be fun! 134 have already ordered chicken dinners (for pick up). There are about 350 items being readied for the silent auction (~ 50% of what we normally would have). The city of Oakdale did not approve a permit to have fireworks this year (due to Covid19). There will not be a talent show.

**8:24 pm Administrator's Report – Denny**

Financial stewardship continues to run better than budget, and cash flow has been good. Several PPC comments about the excellent work by the GA staff in responding to COVID19 driven changes. Is there a way that we can convey this appreciation?

There are several outside groups that have reserved the worship space and Peter O'Neil hall for events.

**8:30 Fr. Rodger Report**

Furloughed employees have returned to full time.

Paul Deziel will remain 50% at his request. He is working again at Hill Murray. He can no longer provide leadership for the Et Cetera group. George Brewster and Sarah M-B will be providing this leadership.

Star Foster is now working 30 hours per week as she is doing mass scheduling and helping with the livestream.

There continues to be a team approach to mass liturgy.

**8:34 pm Commission Reports.**

Communications – Jose provided livestream mass data. (This data is in the Dropbox September 2020 PPC meeting folder.)



**8:41 Meeting adjourned with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.**

**Action Items:**

- Communicate the decision to eliminate the use of David Haas music for GA services. - GA Responds and/or Roger Stratton.
- Announce new PPC members – Fr. Rodger or Denny.
- Find individuals who may be interviewed during Stewardship campaign – PPC
- Attend a confirmation event (November) and/or first communion (Sept) service – PPC
- Consider outreach to young families – Staff.

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen