



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2020

Time: 7pm

All PPC members were present as were both trustees, the parish administrator, and Fr. Rodger. MaryPat Potts attended as a staff guest for the first part of the meeting.

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing.

Agenda Topics

7:00 Meeting Opening

Prayer lead by Cami.

Mission and Values read by John N.

7:04 Parishioner Forum

Tom thanked Denny and the maintenance team (Jason & Tom S) for helping with the CCEFS space expansion. Also, Tom thanked Suzanne and Carla for their help with communicating the need for additional CCEFS volunteers. John C asked about spending for the space expansion. CCEFS is paying for it. It was suggested that this fact be clearly communicated to church members. Denny will clarify this in the upcoming email blast.

MaryPat discussed plans for a Survivor Support Group. A parishioner is a trained facilitator. Mike said that the Healing Action Team would be involved. Sarah M-B talked about potential difficulties with having such a group meet via Zoom. Paula Kaempffer, who is involved with the Archdiocese Church Abuse Ministry, will also be consulted. The PPC supports seeking parish interest for this support group.

(MaryPat left the meeting.)

7:20 Approval of September 2020 Meeting Minutes.

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

7:22 Racial Justice Team (RJT) Update. (John N and Craig S lead the discussion.)

Questions posed:

1. What do you see as the next steps for the RJT in addressing racial issues at GA?
2. How do we connect with the PPC in helping to create a blueprint for racial education and change?

Discussion points:

- Understand our GA community and its current diversity; look outside of GA & bring people together to experience music or other cultural identities



- Opportunity to encounter other racial groups & meet, learn about each other; St Peter Claver, etc
- Educational event/program to learn about racial justice as many in suburbs blind to topic
- Mission & Values of GA needs inclusion of racial justice specifically
- Be sensitive to balance the risk of this topic in our parish; some might ask “Why are we talking about this as our parish doesn’t have an issue?”
- Invite people of color to visible ministries at GA; lector, sacristan, greeter, etc
- Reach out to other faith communities beyond Catholic to share in this topic
- Review GA policies, procedures, messaging, communications, Web page to ensure we are using inclusive language
- PPC views its role as viewing from the 30,000-foot level rather than detail activities and expects regular consultation with the RJT.

This is a long-term process, but we need to make a start.

7:43 Liturgy Commission Update. (Teri lead the discussion.)

The commission is finally active again. Roger Stratton has done an excellent job with getting the commission organized and taking minutes. The PPC expressed gratitude to Roger for doing this! The commission is diverse but could use more male members. The commission will probably create sub-committees as there is too much for one committee to take on.

Biggest current issue the commission is addressing is the holiday mass schedule. If we had multiple masses, would we have enough volunteers – we already have a problem with just the one weekend mass. Will people even attend holiday masses this year – will this family tradition be different this year? We do need to get the schedule established so it can be included in the next Angel News. Fr. Rodger reported that the mass re-opening task force will discuss this at their next meeting.

Next Liturgy Commission meeting is on October 29th.

8:07 Action Items from September.

David Haas music. There will be an article in the Angel News regarding not using his music during church services. The Haas music has been removed from the funeral package. “Blessed is She”. The first event went very well. Thanks got Sarah M-B for her help and guidance. Tentative plans are for one event per quarter.

Special sacramental masses. The PPC is encouraged to attend the Confirmation masses on November 8 at 1pm, November 14 at 10am, and November 19 at 630pm.

The PPC is very thankful for how the GA staff has stepped up during the pandemic. We should send them thank you notes, perhaps Canva announcements.

8:14 Administration Report – Denny



Fall Festival income was \$40k over budget! Special thanks to the silent auction team. Many parishioners really stepped up. The virtual bingo was fun and successful with over 400 cards and over 111 people participating.

Stewardship: 232 cards have been returned, which is below what we would normally get at this time. The volunteer videos used during mass were very good!

We are pursuing forgiveness on our PPP loan.

The Legacy initiative was successful. The Legacy Angel Endowment Fund has been established with an amount of \$50k.

We are filing our annual report to the archdiocese. Assessments this year was \$175k. Next year we expect this to be \$178k.

October is mass count month. For the first Sunday the count was 104. It was 92 for the second Sunday. Typical count is ~1300.

Progress is being made by the Safety Team.

8:28 Pastor Report – Fr. Rodger.

We typically seek 100% Stewardship response from both the Parish & Finance Councils before Stewardship weekend, but it didn't happen this year. Fr. Rodger encourages all PPC members to respond as soon as possible.

8:31 Commission Meetings.

Nancy encouraged all PPC members to read the commission meeting minutes. They are located in the PPC Dropbox.

JOC would like to restart the special plate collections. Online giving tools would be used as would the pre-paid mail envelopes.

8:34 Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Action Items:

- CCEFS space expansion finance communication (email) – Denny
- GA member interest in a Survivor Support Group – MaryPat and the Healing Action Team.
- Holiday Mass schedule – Liturgy Commission & Mass Re-opening Task Force.
- Attend Confirmation masses – PPC
- Thank you notes to staff – PPC Leadership
- PPC members to respond to Stewardship request.

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen