



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2021

Time: 7pm

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing. Ten of eleven PPC members were present. Also in attendance were Fr. Rodger, the parish administrator, and both trustees.

Agenda Topics

7:02 Meeting Opening

Prayer lead by Cami

Mission and Values read by Sarah M-B

7:05 Parishioner Forum. None

7:06 Approval of April 2021 Meeting Minutes.

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

7:07 Old Business.

- St. Kate's Program Update (Robyn). The two intensive positions have been filled. Nine of ten extensive positions have been filled. Program kick off will be this fall.
- GA Land Acknowledgement Proposal Update (John N). Suzanne is working on the proposal by doing more benchmarking. The GA History Archive team will support this effort as well.
- PPC Youth Member Constitution Change proposal (Tom, Nancy, Sarah M-B). A draft proposal was prepared. There was discussion about the name. The name of the proposal was changed to Young Adult. A point was made that perhaps the PPC would be too large with 12 regular members and 2 Young Adult. It was proposed that regular membership be reduced to 11, making total membership 13. There was also discussion about the appropriateness of having trustees as voting members (current constitution). It was also noted that the parish administrator is not listed as a PPC meeting attendee in the current constitution. Tom will update the proposal and send it out to the PPC quickly. The PPC will vote on the constitution change at the June meeting.
- GA Coffee Corner. (Craig S.) The team working on the project has asked the PPC for some guidance. (See letter from Chris H in the PPC Dropbox for May) There was discussion about the need to form a dedicated team/group to take care of the corner. The Parish Administrator and staff can provide oversight of the corner. The coffee corner seems to be a good fit under the Parish Life Commission. There was general discussion about the pros and cons of using rooms 11 & 12 as the coffee corner. Pros: Well away from the worship space and close to the nursery. Cons: Security concerns about being close to an exit. Up next for the team is the formation of a business/operating plan.



- Safety & Security Committee Formation update (Craig S.). The committee has been formed. Additions and improvements in first aid equipment (e.g. AEDs and kits) is underway.

7:58 New Business.

- GA Statement on Clericalism – from GA Responds. (Mike H). Mike presented a statement created by GA Responds that addresses clerical sexual abuse and cover-up. PPC discussion focused on governance structure. Fr. Rodger expressed support for the statement.

MOTION: The PPC adopts the Guardian Angels Statement of Clericalism as proposed by GA Responds by Sarah M-B. Second by Craig S. Motion unanimously approved.

(Note: The statement is now located in the Current Documents folder within the PPC Dropbox.)

- Pandemic Baptism and First Communion Mass Recognition (Teri). The planning for these recognition masses is still in process. It is anticipated that participants will attend the mass of their choice. The priest will invite them to be recognized. It was suggested that participants be informed of faith formation available to them.
- Hybrid Meeting Technology. (Nancy, Tom, Jose). An update was not ready for this meeting.
- Location of Et Cetera ministry. Et Cetera is proposing to move from Parish Life to Lifelong Faith Formation. Sarah M-B gave an overview of the activities of Et Cetera and why it would be better placed within Lifelong Faith Formation. The PPC agreed with this move.

Members of Et Cetera have bonded together and will likely stay as a group as they progress through their phases of life. Discussion was held as to how we might continue the formation of similar new groups. One idea was to leverage the upcoming, Synod, small groups formation.

8:28 pm Pastor Report – Fr. Rodger.

The re-opening task force is meeting tomorrow to update mass attendance guidelines. Fr. Joe has met with staff already. The Faith Formation staff position description has been completed. Fr. Joe has expressed interest in being involved with the hiring of this position. The PPC recommends that Fr. Rodger make the hiring decision with participation from Fr. Joe as he is able – Fr. Joe is finding his schedule very busy as he leaves St. John Neumann. Timing is critical as the new hire will need time to prepare faith formation programs for this coming fall. Fr. Rodger is most aware of the GA strategic plan, initiatives, and culture to make the best hiring decision



8:36 Administrator's Report – Denny.

- The Fall Festival Committee is planning to have regular festival this year. They will be using the MN State Fair as a benchmark. The Big Ticket will be going to the printer soon. There will likely be one drive up ticket distribution event.
- Volunteer Appreciation weekend is May 22-23.
- The GA Audit will be held on July 26. This corresponds to both the 5 year, and new priest, audit requirements.
- Estate Planning visits are being planned for September and October.
- The combined Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council annual picnic is planned for July 13th.
- A PPC “meet and greet” with Fr. Joe is planned for June 7th from 145pm- 3pm. Please RSVP to Denny if you can, or cannot, attend.

8:40 Commission Reports additions.

Cami requests that synod preparation be on the PPC June meeting agenda.

JOC will present outreach grants next month.

The Racial Justice team is working to create a GA “mosaic” that includes church member personal experiences with social injustice.

8: Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Action Items (for next meeting):

- PPC Young Adult Membership – Constitution Change.
- GA Land Acknowledge – status update.
- GA Coffee Corner Task Force Update – business plan.
- Hybrid Meeting Technology – report.
- Faith Formation staff position – status update.
- JOC Outreach Grants.
- GA Synod Planning.

Action Items (at later date):

- Pandemic Baptism and First Communion Mass Recognition (Liturgy Commission)
- July 13 Year End Picnic

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen