



## Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 8, 2021

**Time:** 7pm

Nine of eleven PPC members were present. Also present were the parish administrator, pastor, both trustees, one staff member, and one guest.

Meeting was held via Zoom Video conferencing.

### Agenda Topics

#### 7:03 Meeting Opening

Meeting called to order by Craig S. as Nancy will join the meeting later.

Stewardship Prayer read by Denny.

Mission and Values read by Mike H.

**7:07 Parishioner & Staff Forum.** The meeting on Monday with Fr. Joe went well. Those attending via Zoom had trouble hearing some of those who attended the meeting live.

#### 7:08 Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A quorum is not yet present, so approval is postponed until more members arrive.

#### 7:09 New Business.

Ann Erickson proposed a Guardian Angels Kindness Initiative. (In the meeting Dropbox) The initiative will support dignity and respect for everyone which fits well with the GA culture and strategic initiatives. It is supported by the Health and Wellness Ministry. Comments and questions were raised by the PPC.

Was there input from younger members? No, not yet.

Such initiatives tend to have a secular emphasis. Is there a way to tie the GA initiative to Jesus Christ?

With Synod small groups to be formed this fall, do we have the capacity to start this at the same time?

Ann left the meeting at this time and thanked the PPC for listening and for feedback provided.

Suzanne Bernet presented the Outreach Grant recipients. (See Dropbox for the list.)

**Motion by Tom to approve the list as presented. Second by John C. Motion passed.**

(Note: Nancy and Robyn had joined the meeting. A quorum was present.)

#### 7:30pm Approval of May 2021 meeting minutes.

**Motion to approve was made by John C and seconded by Jose. Motion approved.**



Hybrid Meeting Technologies. Tom reported that the Communications Commission is using Facebook Messenger for persistent chat communications. It is working well. Users need to be active on Facebook for this chat to be effective. Comment made that persistent chat is good for informal communications, but that email may be more effective for formal communication. Jose presented alternatives considered for audio enhancement supporting combination virtual (Zoom) with live meetings. The commission recommended the “medium” option of the three alternatives. Cost is approximately \$3000. Denny affirmed that GA has enough funds available within the budget for this purchase.

**Motion by Nancy with second by John C. to recommend purchase of equipment for this option. Approved by the PPC.**

#### **7:51 Old Business.**

Pandemic baptism and first communion mass recognition. Fr. Rodger reported that this is in process.

PPC Young Adult PPC Membership. (See Dropbox for the Constitution change.)

**Motion by John C and second by Sarah M-B to approve the constitution change as proposed.**

**Motion passed.**

Fr. Rodger signed the changed constitution after the meeting. It is now located in the PPC Dropbox, Current Documents folder.

Safety and Security Committee formation. Craig S. reported that the committee has been formed. The first meeting will be June 27<sup>th</sup> where they will discuss formalities and elect a chair. Members include: Ann Erickson, Denny, Sharon Schwarz, Craig S., Paul Deziel, Jason Kustritz, and Dan Wahlman. Brian L. and Maria from the Finance Council will also serve during a transitional period.

GA Land Acknowledgement. John N. reported that the Justice and Outreach Commission is working on this. Sharon Schwarz from staff is also providing information. Suzanne has reached out to the MN Indian Womens Resource Center for guidance on appropriate language. The Racial Justice team is looking at artwork to support this acknowledgement.

#### **8:03 pm Pastor Report – Fr. Rodger.**

There has been little progress in filling the faith formation position.

We have recruited 3 new PPC members with a fourth member likely identified. Craig S will become PPC chair. Filling of the vice chair position is in process.



### **8:08 Administrator's Report – Denny.**

2021-2022 Budget Review/Approval. Denny sent out the proposed budget before the meeting. (In Dropbox). It is a conservative budget with 1-2% salary increases built in. It assumes NO charge/tuition for faith formation programs. More income may be received from via the federal employee retention credit, but is not shown in the budget.

**Motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Craig S. Second by John C. Approved.**

The Hope for the Journey Home has recently received grants.

Coffee Corner Update. The Welcoming Committee minutes are in Dropbox and contain an update on the Coffee Corner. Rooms M11/M12 are the favored location. Estimates to modify the rooms to make them more inviting are being sought, but Denny is suggesting that we wait to see utilization of the Corner before room modifications or expensive equipment is purchased.

### **8:20 Commission Reports additions.**

Jose reviewed LiveStream data for the last quarter. (See below.)

Nancy reported that the Communications Commission is preparing a survey. Sarah suggested that the age ranges be changed...perhaps to reflect generational ranges. (e.g. baby boomers, millennials, etc.)

Approximately 500 are now attending weekend masses.

The combined PPC/FC picnic will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Both Fr. Rodger and Fr. Joe will be attending. Prospective/New members will also be encouraged to attend.

Fr. Rodger recognized and thanked outgoing PPC members for their service.

### **8:37 Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

#### **Action Items (for next meeting):**

- GA Land Acknowledge update.
- GA Coffee Corner update.
- Faith Formation staff position update.
- GA Synod Planning.
- Kindness Initiative update.
- Audio Technology for Zoom/Live Meetings procurement status.

Submitted by Tom Rasmussen



|         | online church | website | fb watch | youtube live | youtube total views |
|---------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1/2/21  | 189           | 163     | 33       | 16           | 73                  |
| 1/9/21  | 203           | 182     | 28       | 20           | 94                  |
| 1/16/21 | 178           | 175     | 29       | 16           | 121                 |
| 1/23/21 | 198           | 172     | 36       | 15           | 118                 |
| 1/30/21 | 196           | 185     | 29       | 17           | 98                  |
| 2/6/21  | 174           | 192     | 26       | 14           | 68                  |
| 2/13/21 | 181           | 181     | 30       | 19           | 89                  |
| 2/20/21 | 195           | 175     | 28       | 20           | 95                  |
| 2/27/21 | 179           | 174     | 28       | 16           | 119                 |
| 3/6/21  | 180           | 147     | 30       | 16           | 74                  |
| 3/13/21 | 178           | 141     | 27       | 15           | 71                  |
| 3/20/21 | 163           | 159     | 26       | 14           | 103                 |
| 3/27/21 | 172           | 187     | 27       | 15           | 105                 |
| 4/1/21  | 130           |         | 32       | 19           | 42                  |
| 4/2/21  | 105           |         | 32       | 18           | 66                  |
| 4/3/21  | 133           |         | 34       | 17           | 76                  |
| 4/4/21  | 191           | 209     | 46       | 49           | 50                  |
| 4/10/21 | 132           | 114     | 25       | 13           | 117                 |
| 4/17/21 | 130           | 136     | 20       | 14           | 133                 |
| 4/24/21 | 129           | 132     | 25       | 8            | 70                  |
| 5/1/21  | 116           | 121     | 23       | 12           | 134                 |
| 5/8/21  | 118           | 113     | 17       | 16           | 143                 |
| 5/15/21 | 106           | 109     | 19       | 11           | 99                  |

