



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Hybrid; Guardian Angels rooms and on Zoom

Attendance notes: Fr. Joe left the meeting after his report at 7:45pm.

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| Presider | Craig Svendsen | | | | | |
| Note Taker | Sarah Muenster-Blakley | | | | | |
| PPC Members | Amos, Matthew | X | Asiala, Teri | | Brewster, Robyn | X |
| | Capecchi, John | X | Coelho, Sonya | X | Heasley, Marymartha | X |
| | Kuwik, Jeanine | X | Muenster-Blakley, Sarah | X | Nance, John | |
| | Rivera, Lourdes | X | Schmidt, Amy | X | Svendsen, Craig | X |
| Parochial Administrator | Connelly, Fr. Joe | X | | | | |
| Administrator | Farrell, Denny | X | | | | |
| Trustees | Hansel, Mike | X | Johnson, Craig | | | |
| Guests/Staff | Larson, Greg | X | | | | |
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Agenda Topics

7:01pm Meeting Opening

Craig Svendsen called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

7:02pm November Minutes

The November 2021 minutes were approved by all.

7:03pm Recognition of Trustees

Thanks to both Mike Hansel and Craig Johnson for their years of service as Guardian Angels Trustees.

7:04pm Welcome to New Trustees

Greg Larson was present at the meeting. Sue Pitts was unable to attend.



7:05pm Old Business

Letters from the Health & Wellness committee and Metro hospital administrators were presented in support of stricter measures at Masses to keep parishioners COVID-free. An argument was presented in support of asking parishioners to protect each other; wearing a mask shouldn't be a hardship, protecting others is a Christian action. GA could respond to parishioner concerns about mandating masks by indicating that protecting parishioners by asking all to wear masks is a gift to each other. One PPC member disagreed with mandating masks during discussion. There was a concern whether all would indeed wear masks if mandated. Those who choose not to wear masks should be in POH to try not to penalize individuals who wear masks and follow CDC guidance by not including them in the worship space. However, POH may be a safer location for social distancing.

The church holds 1200 people and about 230 are expected to attend each Christmas Mass. If mandating masks, leave out "we don't know if they work or not" for masking. Craig S. indicated he would like masks mandatory for all Masses and suggested GA move daily Mass to the worship space. Changing air system in the Historic Church is not an easy project, could put on this on the Angel List.

Suggestion to allow Health & Wellness to make decisions regarding COVID requirements moving forward owing to their expertise. A motion was made to give the Health & Wellness committee advisory power for COVID-19 safety decisions and to adopt their suggestions for precautionary measures moving forward. Eight in favor of motion, two not in favor. Consensus not achieved however Fr Joe has the sense of the opinion of the super majority of the PPC for him to act on.

7:35pm Parochial Administrator report

Christmas plans: there are two Masses on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. No evening Mass on December 25th. Zach (music ministry) will be at each Mass for Christmas and will play for 30 minutes before each Christmas Mass.

7:38pm New Business: Discussion of LRSP Initiative #1

A suggestion was made to create a commission or group for the initiative since it does not have a group dedicated to the initiative. This initiative has a focus on engaging youth. Suggestion from Sarah: Get to know the youth and young adults, do some listening and focus groups. Try to figure out what young adults value and how those values can align with Guardian Angels. Additional metrics are needed—we need to determine what's worked in the past/performance measures. Craig S.: A meeting is a failure when you convene another committee to do the work, but when a group like the PPC owns a strategic plan, it's hard to get anything done. PPC needs to make connections—bring together initiatives and common interests. Talk to young adults and youth, start having conversations with these folks to figure out why they're still in the church and what they need from a parish like Guardian Angels.

How PPC can support this initiative was discussed. Sharon in the office is a project manager. We can always revisit the decision to continue with our current LRSP. Initiative #1 may be like communications where we are continually keeping up with change. The commissions are not equipped to work on these initiatives. How do we better implement them? Craig S will convene a small group to determine next steps for implementation of Initiative 1.



8:18pm Old Business, Continued

Connect with commissions to support the kindness initiative. An information sheet is in the Dropbox. Disability awareness month: The Accessibility Committee isn't going to host a disability awareness month in January like usual. Month by month focus on awareness (topics by month).

8:20pm Administrator report

Mass counts are in DropBox; Mass counts now taken at every Mass on an ongoing basis. If we're going to be around 700 attendees per weekend, that's unacceptable. If we do mandate masks, will numbers go up or down?

Today's Harvest grocery store is almost done, will open up the first or second week of January for anyone who needs fresh groceries. Estimate that 400 families may use this service.

Catholic Services Appeal campaign: Ga budgets for a rebate from this campaign each year, we're behind and down from pledges from last year. Over 100 donors from last year haven't given this year.

Stewardship from 2021: If we receive our usual two-week surge at the end of the year, we'll meet 2021 pledges. However, we're down \$250,000 in pledges made for 2022.

Deanery representative: Have not found a deanery representative to replace Cami. Printed or forwarded position description would be helpful to know the time commitment.

Also looking for 10 synod representatives (ambassadors). Denny will get a job description also for this, please propose names if you think someone is interested.

8:32pm Adjourned

Action Items

- PPC members serving as liaisons to discuss the kindness initiative with commissions to determine how each commission will carry it forward. Information in PPC Dropbox.
- Craig S. will reach out to Robyn B. and Greg L. to discuss strategic planning/project management once initiatives are determined.
- Contact Sharon regarding project management for initiative #1.
- Ask Fr. Joe to respond to the next initiative in print before the next meeting so we have time to think and reflect on his input. Give him questions ahead of time.
- Denny will send out a position description for the deanery rep commitment.