



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

Attendance notes: None

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

Agenda Topics

7:01pm Meeting Opening

Craig opened the meeting with a Christmas season prayer (a family favorite!). The prayer is in the DropBox if you would like it. Craig also recited the mission and initiatives.

7:03pm Minutes

Teri moved to approve the December 2021 minutes; John Nance seconded. December minutes were approved by all.

7:05pm New Business

Parishioner Comments: No parishioner comments to share.



Farewell to Sarah M-B: Sarah's many contributions to Guardian Angels were recognized and thanks shared on behalf of all the parishioners of Guardian Angels. Suggestion to reach out to Mara Pieper as a potential new PPC member. Sarah will ask Mara's permission to share her email address. A suggestion was made to revisit the young adult PPC member age range and membership requirements. John C. looked up the age range on the constitution; ages 16-25 for young adult PPC members. Amy has nominations for young adult PPC membership. Teri volunteered to be the new PPC scribe moving forward. Teri also volunteered her liaison appointment to the Stewardship Commission and Marymartha volunteered to move to the Liturgy Commission.

Long-Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) initiative #1 updates: Definitions are needed; what does an inclusive community mean/what does engaging parishioners mean? Once these definitions are created and desired metrics are set (how will we determine success?), we can work toward setting goals to meet the needs of the parish. Sharon is open to being the project manager for this initiative once the committee/initiative commences. A suggestion was made to request feedback from young adults and youth groups through Paul Deziel to obtain diverse perspectives. John N. questioned how our approach to the LRSP has changed since it was originally designed. John C. clarified that it was determined that approaches would be made at the commission level. Have we been doing what we said we would do? How can we work together as a parish to articulate what we need to work on? What is the next level of this initiative that we'd like to see happen? A recommendation was made to work together as a parish on this initiative rather than leaving it to the commissions. John N. recommended that our focus is important (what will we focus on?). John C. made a motion to gather input from laity prior to moving on with this initiative's focus. John N. seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

Parish Demographics: Denny would like feedback on whether GA should spend time cleaning up the demographics, particularly ages of adult children of current parishioners who may or may not be current parishioners at GA. The data is not being used by anyone currently; used for mailing and to identify families for specific programs (e.g. Faith Formation, Confirmation). A suggestion was made by Sarah M-B to collect new data over the course of several months. Craig recommended determining what questions must be answered by the data prior to collection. Teri volunteered to help clean up the current data set with adult children of parishioners.

8:01pm Old Business

Reminder to engage your commissions about the kindness initiative as outlined in the document in DropBox.

Fr. Joe reviewed the initiative #1 comments; he agrees with the concept that working together on the initiatives rather than leaving change up to the commissions is important.

Deanery representative position is still open; we also need 5-10 people to become the synod representatives. Synod representative information/invitation will be in the bulletin. The synod videos are available to view at anytime on the archdiocese website.

8:07 Parochial Administrator Report

Christmas Mass attendance was presented. Many thanks to Denny for quickly resolving a major electrical issue prior to Christmas Eve Mass. The tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has been moved while a new lock is placed on it.



8:11pm Administrator Report

The pledged budget is \$142,000 short compared to last fiscal year. Out of 1800 families, 64% gave some financial support in calendar year 2021. Denny provided a recap of FY22 pledging. Finance Council may choose to cut staff or dip into financial reserves to help cover the projected loss. Amy communicated disappointment from a parishioner who hadn't received communication during COVID about how they were doing personally but then received a financial pledge card in the mail.

Parish goal was \$130,000, we collected \$121,00. The budgeted rebate was \$13,000, actual rebate will now be around \$9,000.

The new pole barn concrete footings and block wall are completed. Estimated completion date is end of March. The Finance Council decided to charge market rent for the portion of the old pole they are now using. This rent will offset the cost of the new pole barn. John C. suggested transparency when communicating how the new shed is being paid for, especially if programs must be cut.

Mass count update was given. Over 1800 in attendance over the Christmas weekend. Currently, down to 500 or so for attendance per weekend compared to 700 prior to Christmas.

Recognition event for Mike Hansel and Craig Johnson will be postponed owing to COVID. There will be information in the May Angel News about a rescheduled event.

John thanks those who have supported the refugee resettlement initiative. Need additional financial support.

8:32pm Adjourned

The Our Father was said by all.

Action Items

- PPC members should discuss the kindness initiative with their commissions; information is in the DropBox.
- Contact parishioners who may be interested in being a synod representative. Information will be in the bulletin.
- Craig should contact Amy regarding nominations for a young adult PPC membership.