



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

Location: In Person and Zoom

Attendance notes: None

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

Agenda Topics

Meeting Opening

Teri opened the meeting with a prayer and read the parish mission and initiatives.

Sonya moved to approve the January 2022 minutes; Lourdes seconded. January minutes were approved by all.

Parishioner Comments: Teri did receive some comments related to losing some ground as far as the PPC Leadership of the Commissions working on LRSP. This will be addressed as soon as possible with the LRSP update.

Thanks to Craig and Jeanine: The PPC wishes to thank both Craig and Jeanine for their contributions to the PPC and to Guardian Angels in general. They will be missed.



PPC Membership:

- PPC Member Openings – We have openings for two members. Denny has one parishioner who has volunteered for one of the spots. Father Joe will meet with that parishioner on Friday, Feb 11th. Denny also will reach out to a few parishioners that were mentioned as possible candidates. Father asked that everyone speak to parishioners about our openings and spread the word for new members.
- Open Chair Position - Teri will continue as chair in the interim but is not interested in full time. We need a strong leader with project experience to lead through the LRSP update. Father asked that again everyone think about any parishioners (maybe in current commission leadership roles) to become PPC Chair.
- Teen Representation – We want to add a teen representative to the PPC. Amy provided a few names as possible teen representation. Father will reach out to Paul.
- Commission Assignments – Do we need someone for Parish Life? Probably will assign this to one of the new PPC Members when they come on. Greg Larson (Trustee) attends both the Finance and PPC meetings and therefore will fulfill the role as Finance member on PPC for the time being.

Long-Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) initiative #1 updates: Craig, Greg and Robyn had met to determine next steps for initiative #1. The italicized paragraph below was the update from the last PPC meeting. Teri agreed to replace Craig and get a meeting together with Greg and Robyn to address the next steps.

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.

Kindness Initiative

Discussion regarding what support the Health and Wellness group requires from the PPC on the Kindness Initiative. Father will speak to Ann Erickson regarding this.

Deanery Representation and Synod Participation

Deanery representative position is still open; Cami held the role which is an important one. Meetings every other month with other parishes. Great opportunity to learn what other parishes are doing. PPC members should prayerfully consider this role.



We also need an additional 7 people to become the synod representatives. Meeting will be held 3/5 at GA. Father has three volunteers as well as Amy. Teri, Lourdes and Sonya volunteered. Father stated that all PPC members should consider participating. Denny to follow up with volunteers.

Father stated that both the Deanery rep and synod participants are an honor and should be seen as an opportunity to provide input to the archdiocese on what we value at GA.

Parochial Administrator Report

Father restated the importance of the Deanery Rep and Synod participants. These are his top priority.

Administrator Report

Denny reported that 2022 Pledges are now at a level where he is not concerned that there will be staff or program impact to the budget. He has contacted parishioners that had pledged previously and we had not heard from and made good progress. We still have a few who remain parishioners but have withdrawn their support. It was suggested that we reach out to those to ensure they know we are compassionate to their feelings. Denny has contacted several but we must continue to reach out as we can. New and increased pledges have made up most of the loss. The 2022-2023 budgets are being worked on now.

Fish fry dates have been set for March 11, 25 and April 8. We are lucky to have freezers full of fish as it is now hard to get. We will offer both drive up as last year but also take out for those customers who want an odd number of dinners. We need additional volunteers although there is a very good process in place for the drive up.

The new pole shed framing will begin end of February. The Christian Cupboard Food Shelf is starting a trial of the new Total Harvest this weekend.

Adjournment

Father led us in the Glory Be prayer.

Action Items – indicated by underlining above