



## Joint Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Finance Council (FC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 23, 2022

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** In Person and Zoom

<b>Presider</b>	Marc Cove and Teri Asiala					
<b>Note Taker</b>	Teri Asiala					
<b>PPC Members</b>	Amos, Matthew	X	Asiala, Teri	X	Rivera, Lourdes	X
	Capecchi, John		Coelho, Sonya	X	Heasley, Marymartha	X
	Schmidt, Amy	X	Jim Cady	X		
<b>Finance Council Members</b>	Marc Cove	X	Craig Johnson	X	Brian Leonard	X
	Maria Westfall		Jim Stevenson	X	Jeanine Kuwik	X
	Dave Schiltgen	X	Kathy Konrad	X	Paul Ahlers	
	Peggy Castillo					
<b>Parochial Administrator</b>	Connelly, Fr. Joe	X				
<b>Administrator</b>	Farrell, Denny	X				
<b>Trustees</b>	Larson, Greg		Pitts, Sue	X		
<b>Guests/Staff</b>	Lukas Steffensmeier	X				

## Agenda Topics

### Welcome and Prayer

Denny opened the meeting with a prayer

### Approval of June minutes

Minutes were approved by the joint council members

### Comments on PPC/FC Picnic

Very positive comments on Platinum Bank location and Lake Elmo Inn dinner (need Sin of the Inn!)



### **Thanks to outgoing PPC members**

The PPC and FC wish to extend their sincere gratitude to John Nance and Robyn Brewster for their time on the Parish Pastoral Council and all of their contributions to Guardian Angels Parish. We have several PPC openings and will search for additional members.

### **Input from Parishioners**

No one had any comments from parishioners

### **Administrator Update - Denny**

- Faith Formation Hire – introduction of Lukas Steffensmeier as the Director of Elementary Education as well as Adult Education. Lukas introduced himself and gave us an overview of his background. Welcome Lukas!
- New Parishioner counts. Denny reported that we are now up to 1840 family units which is the highest for several years. He did state that we lost some significant financial donors and that the new families are not replacing that lost income. Several of the new families are young families with children.
- Mass Counts – averaging approx. 800 per weekend. Was 1200-1300 prior to Covid so not back to pre-Covid counts.
- Final Budget Approval and Financial Status Update – the Finance Council approved the budget presented in the last meeting. The budget and financial status through June of 2022 (end of fiscal year) were detailed in the Angel News.
- Status of new maintenance building – Finishing up on plumbing, blacktop and floors and plan to move in next week.
- Fall Festival update. Still have 350 packets of tickets to be picked up. Current ticket sales at \$46,950 with a goal of \$100,000 (at \$52,000 last year at this time). Denny reported to make our financial objective, everybody needs to sell tickets and assist in the silent auction. Please check if any of the remaining ticket packets belong to someone you could deliver. Denny also reported that he is working on sponsorships to achieve our financial goals.
- Engagement Commission – Time and Talent Weekends – Oct 1-2 and Oct 8-9 – the Engagement Commission (formerly Stewardship) is planning time and talent drives for the weekends of Oct 1-2 and 8-9. The objective is to get parishioners engaged and participating using their time and talent for GA and treasure will follow. The Engagement Commission will encourage parishioners to attend the Discipleship Event “Finding Your Calling” on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> to assist in ascertaining your talents.
- Deacon Mick is retiring at the end of September. Father Joe reported that there are 10 available new deacons and he will know more about placement of them in the next 3-4 weeks.

### **Synod/Discipleship Practices Initiative Update – Amy Schmidt**

- Retreat Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8:30-12:30
  - Amy reported that a retreat called “Finding Your Calling” will be held on the morning of 9-24 with 4 weeks of small group meetings and culminating in a Mass and gathering/reception on 11-5. She stressed that online registration is open and that we are encouraging all PPC and FC members to attend. You can attend just the retreat if



you cannot commit to the 4 weeks of small group meetings. We are hoping to get 100 people at the retreat.

#### **Old Business:**

- Long Range Strategic Plan – need owners to pick up early 2023. Need members to prayerfully consider participating in the LRSP and finding others to participate. We need a Finance Council rep, a PPC rep, a trustee, 2-3 staff members and several parishioners at large to participate.

#### **New Business:**

- Jim Cady reported that he attended a full day seminar regarding National Threat Assessment which he felt was very worthwhile. The safety committee could get in touch with the instructors (Cottage Grove Police and Homeland Security) would be willing to do a session on a Saturday at GA. FC would own and agreed that Jim should pursue.

#### **Status Update on priority items and parking lot items (35-45 mins)**

- Review of Oakdale Chamber pancake breakfast – Marc/Denny – 170 people attended and the City of Oakdale could see this become an annual event. Good opportunity for us to have attendees get familiar with GA. All marketing was done via social media and a suggestion was made that perhaps we do some paper advertising for next year
- Sunday Mass/Gathering for youth – Greg/Maria – neither Greg or Maria were in attendance at our meeting but Maria sent an update prior. They convened a group including Paul Deziel and interested parents and youth to discuss a Sunday evening Mass or gathering. They received some good feedback and there were several follow up items that Paul will pursue. We as a joint council are here to support Paul. Greg and Maria will bring back any items that we can lend support to.
- Fixed Asset Project – Jeanine/Jim S – Making good progress and have a draft capitalization policy for approval by the Finance Council. It is such an advantage for GA to have Jeanine and Jim leading this project with their experience.
- Discipleship Retreat (Addressed above)
- Adult Education – Teri/Father – Teri met with Lukas S and Father Joe to discuss ideas for Adult Education at GA. Now that Lukas is on board we will convene a team of staff (Lukas, Father, Zach and Paul) as well as interested parishioners including the Lifelong Learning Commission. Ideas include Bible Study, rebooting a young adult “etcetera” like group and young family ministry.
- Possible Senior Angels/Retreads Reboot – Denny – GA had a very social group of seniors who planned and had activities each month that were very well attended. The group aged out and we are looking at possibly rebooting this group. Denny is looking for some parishioners who may be interested in owning this.

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

- September 20 – 6:00 light dinner with 6:15 meeting start (with 30 minute Finance Council meeting following the joint meeting)
- October 18

#### **Adjournment prayer**