



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

**Date:** Sept 20, 2022

**Time:** 6:15pm

**Location:** In Person and Zoom

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| <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            | X | Coelho, Sonya | X | Heasley, Marymartha | X |
|                                | Schmidt, Amy              | X | Jim Cady      |   |                     |   |
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| <b>Finance Council Members</b> | Marc Cove                 | X | Craig Johnson | X | Brian Leonard       | X |
|                                | Maria Westfall            | X | Jim Stevenson |   | Jeanine Kuwik       | X |
|                                | Dave Schiltgen            | X | Kathy Konrad  |   | 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 | Mike Hansel   | X |                     |   |

### Agenda Topics

#### Welcome and Prayer

Father opened the meeting with a prayer

#### Approval of August minutes

Minutes were approved by the joint council members

#### PPC Membership

We are down to 8 PPC members so everyone was asked to prayerfully consider additional members.



### **Input from Parishioners**

Father, Denny, PPC and Finance Council members received a letter from the members of the Upper Room articulating what the Upper Room is. Mike Hansel of the Upper Room attended the meeting to address any issues or questions we had regarding the Upper Room. Father addressed his decision to not allow the Upper Room group to meet at GA. His decision is not revocable. After some discussion, a smaller group will continue discussions with the Upper Room to determine if there are ways in which we can work together moving forward

### **Administrator Update - Denny**

- Fall Festival Update – although the festival was a big success, at this early stage it appears that we did not hit our expanded financial goal. Denny estimates we made \$115K and we had \$130K budgeted. He will provide updated information by the end of the week and the finance council will address the shortfall. We also had some discussion on ideas to enhance the Fall Festival in future years such as a band with a cover charge, etc. and partnering with the City of Oakdale.
- Deacon Mick retirement end of September. Father has interviewed for a new deacon but no update at this time. GA will celebrate Mick's retirement after all Masses next weekend.
- New parish directory – although not many parishioners took the survey, most indicated they would like a new directory with pictures. Denny will get additional input since most parishioners did not respond.
- Cemetery/GA Grounds – Denny has three firms doing preliminary plans on using the GA property for cemetery and other purposes. Each will get back with their proposals and Denny will get input from PPC, FC and parishioners before moving ahead with anything.
- Engagement Commission – the Engagement Commission (formerly Stewardship) is planning time and talent drives for the weekends of Oct 1-2 and 8-9. Pledge cards will be sent out in the next two weeks and the financial ask from the pulpit and filling out of pledge cards in the pews will take place on the weekend of October 15-16.

### **Faith Formation/Adult Education Update – Lukas S**

- Lukas provided an update on Faith Formation classes and at home study. He has enough teachers and is ready to go. He then updated us on "Formed" which is a Netflix-like Catholic programming tool that he has recently signed up GA to utilize. The content on Formed can be accessed by all Parishioners and utilized in Faith Formation as well as Adult Ed, Bible Studies and by all commissions and clubs.

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

- Amy reminded us of the "Finding Your Calling" retreat Saturday, Sept 24th from 8:30-12:30. There are 80 registered participants and both a breakfast and lunch will be provided. It is not too late to sign up. 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:**

- Brian Leonard reported that the safety committee is hosting a safety seminar for GA as well as inviting other churches, synagogues, etc. in the area sometime in 2023. Jim Cady has taken on this seminar and more information will follow.

### **Status Update on priority items and parking lot items**

- Sunday Mass/Gathering for youth – Greg/Maria/Paul D – No additional information since last meeting. Paul had taken some action items and no update available on those items.
- Fixed Asset Project – Jeanine/Jim S – Jeanine reported that they have a draft capitalization policy being reviewed by the Finance Council later tonight.
- Discipleship Retreat (Addressed above)
- Adult Education – Teri/Father/Lukas. RCIA sessions have been revised to open up for parishioners interested in an additional educational opportunity. Sessions start on Thursday, Oct 6 at 7:00PM and run for 20 weeks. Parishioners who wish to participate can come to whatever sessions they want to attend. Also Father will be doing teaching sermons for 4 weeks starting the last weekend in October.
- 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 Denny is looking for some senior couples to own this.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

- October 18 will be our last joint meeting.

### **Adjournment prayer**