



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

**Date:** Oct 18, 2022

**Time:** 6:15pm

**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	X	Coelho, Sonya	X	Heasley, Marymartha	X
	Schmidt, Amy		Jim Cady	X	Dan Furey	X
	Jonathan Amos	X				
<b>Finance Council Members</b>	Marc Cove	X	Craig Johnson	X	Brian Leonard	
	Maria Westfall	X	Jim Stevenson	X	Jeanine Kuwik	X
	Dave Schiltgen	X	Kathy Konrad		Paul Ahlers	X
<b>Pastor</b>	Connelly, Father Joe	X				
<b>Administrator</b>	Farrell, Denny	X				
<b>Trustees</b>	Larson, Greg		Pitts, Sue	X		
<b>Guests/Staff</b>	Deacon Mike	X				

### Agenda Topics

#### Welcome and Prayer

Deacon Mike opened the meeting with a prayer

#### Introductions

The joint councils welcomed Deacon Mike and new PPC members Jonathan Amos and Dan Furey

#### Approval of September minutes

Minutes were approved by the joint council members



### **PPC Membership**

- With the addition of our two new members (Jonathan and Dan), we are now at a PPC membership count of 10. We will keep our eyes open for additional members but nothing urgent.
- Sonya has agreed to be the vice chair of the PPC starting with the December meeting
- Teri will be gone for the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> PPC meeting and Jim Cady has agreed to run the meeting and Sue Pitts will take minutes. Teri will get the agenda out before she leaves town.

### **Input from Parishioners**

Father Joe gave a follow up on the Upper Room discussion from last meeting. It was decided that we will offer a Bible Study/Lectio Divina and invite all parishioners including the Upper Room members.

### **Administrator Update - Denny**

- Fall Festival Update – Wrap up meeting held and final proceeds were \$127K (\$192K gross) which was slightly less than our budget (\$130,500). Big Ticket sales were lower than we had hoped. Big issue with lack of volunteers, so the team is investigating cutting the hours of the festival for next year. Gathering other ideas for changes as well.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Construction – Completed and 4<sup>th</sup> street opened this week. Problem with our sign probably caused by the construction that will need to be repaired. We were assessed \$40K for the upgrades and Finance Council approved paying the assessment in one lump sum instead of dragging over many years at 4.7% interest.
- New parish directory – Hoping to get 300-350 families to sign up for pictures. Signups available online or by calling Sharon in the office. Really stressing to get all PPC and FC members so parishioners can identify who they are. All parishioner contact info will be included (if they want it included)
- Cemetery/GA Grounds – Denny has received a proposal from two of the three firms doing preliminary site plans on using the GA property for cemetery and other purposes. Once we receive concept designs, we will then run those by FC and PPC as well as get parishioner input.
- Engagement Commission – the Engagement Commission (formerly Stewardship) has conducted time and talent drives on the weekends of Oct 1-2 and 8-9 but we have not received as many of the cards or online signups as we would like to see. Financial pledge cards have been sent out and we have received just a small amount of those. PPC and FC need to be leaders in getting our time and talent and financial pledges in.
- New pole barn finally complete. Old pole barn will be used by Boy Scouts for storing their equipment and holding meetings and storage for Fall Festival supplies and equipment.
- Deanery update. Jim Cady has been participating in the Deanery Synod discussions since Cami left the PPC. Will need someone from PPC to join a new Deanery initiative more permanently and additional information will be forthcoming.

### **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.



**Status Update on priority items and parking lot items (see updates on attached parking lot)**

- Fixed Asset Project – Jeanine/Jim S
- Adult Education – Teri/Father Joe/Lukas
- Sunday Mass/Gathering for youth – Greg/Maria/Paul D
- Discipleship Practices Initiative - Amy
- Senior Angels/Retreads Reboot – Denny
- Family Ministry – Dan F
- Public Safety/Emergency Response Seminar – Jim C

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Next PPC meeting – Nov 15<sup>th</sup>
- Next Finance Council meeting – Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:20 - Adjournment prayer – Father Joe**



## GA Joint PPC-FC Parking Lot: Updated 10-19-22

### Criteria for Inclusion

- Evangelization - Increase membership
- Education - Adults and Youth to deepen knowledge of our faith
- Engagement - Reach out to people of the parish and promote their talents and gifts
- Continuous improvement in financial reporting/transparency

### Completed

1. Joint meetings of PPC and FC – Active - Owner Teri/Marc – Start date April 2022
  - a. Meetings held in April, May and June 2022
  - b. Scheduling additional meetings for August, September and October 2022
  - c. Joint picnic July 2022
2. GA Get Back Together weekend May 21-22 – Completed - Owner Denny – Start date April 2022 – Completed May 2022
  - a. Get togethers held after 4:30 Mass on May 21 (light dinner) and after 8:30 and 11:00 Masses on May 22 (brunch)
3. Pancake Breakfast on June 26<sup>th</sup> with City of Oakdale – Completed - Owner Marc – Start Date April 2022 – Completed June 2022

### Active

4. Fixed Asset Project – started May 2022 – owners Jeanine and Jim S
  - a. Policy on capitalization of assets and perform fixed asset inventory approved by Finance Council
  - b. Tracking down records of fixed assets/capital purchases as far back as can be located
  - c. Hoping to have records captured by end of year
5. Adult Education – RCIA inclusion of all parishioners, bible study, young adult groups – Active – Owner Teri – started June 2022
  - a. Hired Lukas S to lead Faith Formation grades 1-4 as well as Adult Ed
  - b. RCIA opened up to all parishioners – very successful with 20 people attending – difficult to offer over Zoom and make it as interactive as we desire – looking into options
  - c. In the last four Sundays of Ordinary Time, we will dedicate those Sundays to a “Walk-Thru” of the Mass during the homily. It will be like last year but with an added Sunday to go a little bit deeper. Those Sundays will be 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20.
  - d. Lukas added FORMED as a option for parishioners to get to Netflix-like Catholic content – all parishioners have access and we can incorporate content into education at GA
  - e. Investigating Bible Study/Lectio Divina small group opportunities and other cross generational adult events
6. Sunday evening Mass for young adults – Active – Owners Greg and Maria – started June 2022
  - a. Meeting held with Paul D and interested adults and youth
  - b. Paul has taken input from many and starting focus will be on high school age
  - c. Experiment for Fall on Sunday nights – starting with bonfire this Sunday night at GA
  - d. Looking into reinvigorating Etcetera next for young adults – was very successful group in the past



7. Discipleship Practices Initiative – Active - owner Amy – started May 2022
  - a. Sept 24 AM “Finding Your Calling” Retreat a great success – close to 100 in attendance
  - b. 4 sessions of follow up small groups are active now – started Oct 11-12
  - c. Nov 5<sup>th</sup> final “Finding Your Calling” event being planned now
8. Senior Events for our largely senior parish – estate planning, health seminars, grandparenting tips – could be recreation of Retreads/Senior Angels – owner Denny – started June 2022
  - a. Denny looking for a few senior couples willing to take leadership
9. Family Ministry – owner Dan Furey – started October 2022
  - a. First meeting held on Sunday morning and was well attended
10. Public Safety Seminar – owner Jim Cady – started October 2022
  - a. Plans being pulled together for a one-day Public Safety seminar to be held at GA in 2023
  - b. Other churches, synagogues, mosques, etc. in the area to be invited

### Parking Lot

11. Synod related focus items to be released by the Bishop on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>
12. General instruction on the Catechism – Include in Adult Ed?
13. Digital programming
14. Game Nights – Sporting events
15. Kid friendly Mass
16. Home based bible study – bring children who can play together while adults study
17. Preschool toy room
18. Youth room similar to GA Perks but for Youth with slushy machine, popcorn, etc
19. Family Ministry – mentoring of teens
20. Professional Networking Opportunities
21. Partnership with Peter Clavier – diversification
22. Cultural nights – opportunity to learn about other cultures
23. Mission work – South Dakota or Guatemala – Paul does this and the mission to South Dakota was very successful this year – remove?
24. Guided trips overseas – pilgrimage – find a way to offset costs for some who cannot afford to go
25. Bingo – issues with our lack of gambling license
26. Youth and Family focused Christian Summer Concert on GA grounds – mini Basilica Block Party
27. University Speaker Series on current topics
28. Adult Retreat – mini-Demontreville
29. Dinner and a Show: Sit down dinners and “themed” music (Zack)
30. Painting competition for different age groups of parishioners - we could have local artists come and judge - showcase the winners at the back of the Church and then offer them for sale.
31. Flower arrangement competition
32. Food truck day - they could park in the lower level - may be offer GA a percentage of earnings?
33. Something Like American Idol - what if we have the GA Idol?
34. A woodwork competition - Lowes, Home depot and Menards could help with prizes.
35. Winter movie series
36. Summer ribfest – retail sales opportunity for community
37. Partnership with OACC for fireworks
38. GA Rooms used for Christian based work centers (think Wework)