

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

ATTENDANCE

The following were present at the meeting on November 15:

Fr. Joe Connelly	Jim Cady	Marymartha Heasley
Denny Farrell	Matthew Amos	Dan Furey
Greg Larson	John Capecchi	Jonathan Amos
Sue Pitts	Sonya Caelho	Deb Stadt
Deacon Mike Braun		Cara Barone

Jim Cady presided as Teri was out-of-town. Denny led in opening prayer. The October meeting minutes of the joint PPC/Finance Council were approved. Sonya will serve as the new vice-chair of the PPC. Debbie Stadt and Cara Barone joined as new members.

SYNOD UPDATE

Archbishop Hebda will be issuing his pastoral letter this upcoming weekend on November 20. All were asked to read this in an effort to help implement its vision. Twelve team members have been selected to help in the process.

ENGAGEMENT

The return of Time/Talent sheets is disappointing as it is 50% down from prior years. Stewardship commitments are good on returns, but the dollar amounts are about even. Denny is asking that everyone responds.

SISTER PARISH

The Finance Council has made their recommendation to Fr. Joe. Rather than sending funds to Kairos who acts as an intermediary, future funds should be sent directly to St. Rita's. In an effort to remain transparent, this decision will be communicated to the GA community at mass.

NEW DIRECTORY

Over 200 families have signed up for photos. The process is going well.

CEMETERY/GROUNDS UPDATE

Denny will have a full site plan out 25 to 30 years for our review. The cemetery is filling up. The Metropolitan Council has a permanent and temporary easement on our property.

DEANERY UPDATE

We are waiting for Archbishop Hebda's letter as to the status of the deanery.

FOOD SHELF GARDEN

We need some volunteers to step up and lead this project. We can consider a grant to hire leaders. Our garden supports four food shelf facilities.

LRSP

This will start up again in January or February. We need volunteers to work on this.

PARKING LOT UPDATES

- Sunday Mass/Gathering for Youth. The mass count has leveled off at 800 per weekend. Paul Deziel is working with youth and some adults on the youth gatherings.
- Discipleship Practice. Amy has resigned. Small groups have met and were successful. Need to find someone else to move this forward.
- Adult Education. Lucas was hired for faith formation. RCIA program has been opened to all GA members (approximately 20 attending). Lucas has been promoting Formed.org. A bible study is being looked into.
- Senior Angels. Denny did not receive any responses from his bulletin ask for someone to continue this program.
- Family Ministry Group. Lucas and Jennifer Svendsen and her husband are spearheading this. Seven or eight families have already met. This went well and there are plans to continue,
- Public Safety/Emergency Response Seminar. Jim Cady attended this and wants to bring the seminar to this area. It is a 3 hour program that would include GA and others in the community.

MISCELLANEOUS

Suzanne Bernet has resigned. Her job has been posted as we are looking for a replacement.

Meeting concluded at 8:10 with a closing prayer led by Fr. Joe. Our next PPC meeting is December 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Pitts, Trustee