

Minutes
Virtual Parish Pastoral Council
Monday, August 24, 2020

PPC Present: Father Stan Mader, Kenny Buesgens, Beth Kalb, Tom Konrardy, Ashley Navratil, Ute Palm, Mark Vogel, Patrick Witherow

Trustees: Amy Williams and Beth Whittaker

Parish Administrator: Bonnie Delaney

Recording Secretary: Kathy Witherow

Documents distributed:

- Agenda
- July 2020 PPC minutes
- PPC Goal Recommendations: Ute, Patrick, Beth, Ashley, Mark, Tom
- Commission reports: Worship, Faith for Life, Communication, Finance, Parish Life, School Board

Call to order at 7:04 pm

Gather Time:

Prayer: Father shared this Sunday's gospel. PPC members offered thoughts and reflections on the reading.

Approval of July PPC meeting Minutes: Minutes approved.

Operational Items:

- Questions from Commission summaries
- Update from Sandi: Information from July report is current for August. Also working on the Columbarium for the cemetery
- Faith Formation report indicates huge problem for next year. Should we look at this in the context of the Synod goals? Gathering together is the issue; how to accomplish this while maintaining social distancing.
- Are commission reports being shared with the rest of the Parish staff? Are commission reports shared with the lay membership?
- School Board report: are we integrating our "ask" for money for the school with the "ask" for the Parish. A member of the Finance Council attends the School Board meetings.
- Can we have a central site to access reports rather than getting multiple emails with attachments?

High Level Goals

Theme High Level: Not action plans	Assigned to: Council/Commission – Staff – Project – etc	Measurement How will we know if successful?	Notes Additional info
Engage different generational groups within our Parish	Parish Life Faith for Life School	TBD	
Evaluate Parish religious education and Sacramental Preparation (help parents to teach)	Faith for Life School	TBD	
Enhance Mass Experience	Father Stan Worship Parish Life	TBD	

PPC Recommended Themes from Emails (votes in ***bold/italic***)

1. St Joseph School ***1 vote***
 - a. Tie School and Parish together – Mission of parish – All responsible
2. Engage different generational groups within our Parish ***9 votes***
 - a. Young Adults – Engaged in the Church – 18 to 39
 - b. Engage 40 to 50/55 year old group
 - c. Etc.
3. Enhance Community Outreach ***0 votes***
 - a. Promote Love INC
4. Improve Transparency of Parish information ***1 vote***
5. Evaluate Parish religious education & Sacramental Preparation (Help parents to teach) ***9 votes***
 - a. Young Married Couples with young children
6. Implement Synod process to listen and respond ***0 votes***
7. Parish Retreat ***1 vote***
 - a. Continue CRHP
 - b. Consider others – Parish Mission Experience
8. Enhance Mass experience ***6 votes***
 - a. Welcoming presence at Masses and events / Mentor/ambassador to new parishioners

Operational Lens

- Covid19 has resulted in changing how we minister. What will it look like in our future? (What stays with new ways/tools and what goes back to the way we use to do it?)
- Be prepared to adjust to future challenges as we can predict.
- Our priorities do not mean we will ignore the other themes. Designed to help with limited resource choices.
- Will work with Staff and Commissions on how to implement

Winter Months Outreach/Ministry Plan:

Father Stan reported on the creativity needed to minister in the time of COVID. How do we minister? Example: do we do something for students who are temporarily returning home from University because of COVID.

- One on one time with a mentor or form a small group of college students to work with a mentor
- Engage the alumni of the school
- Utilize media platforms for daily inspiration
- Phone pals for older parishioners
- Hire a counselor to meet with families and/or individuals under stress
- Can we do an in-person visit for older parishioners? Through a door or on a patio?
- Utilize Eucharistic Ministers for visits and delivering communion.

Pastor Time

Clergy Study Day topic was on Hispanic and how this group responds spiritually. Important to have scripture, welcoming and direct personal experience with God. Father Stan will send a summary in future. We at St Joseph can learn from this and incorporate in our planning. Leaving Catholic because they are being spiritually fed better elsewhere.

Ending Prayer

Next Zoom meeting: September 28, 7:00 pm