

**Minutes**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Monday, June 28, 2021**

**PPC Present:** Father Stan Mader, Beth Kalb, Tom Konrardy, Ashleigh Navratil, Ute Palm, Mark Vogel, Patrick Witherow

**Finance Council:** Paul Turek

**Trustees:** Beth Whitaker, Amy Williams

**Recording Secretary:** Kathy Witherow

**Recording Secretary (new):** Jean Konrardy

**Documents distributed:**

- Agenda
- Synod Update
- Commission reports: Parish Office/Pastoral Care, Faith for Life, Finance Council, Parish Life, Worship

**Call to order at 7:30 pm**

**Welcome new members:** Several parishioners have been approached to be members of the PPC, but no one has committed yet.

**Prayer:** Father read the gospel for this coming week and asked the members for their thoughts.

**Operational Items:**

1. May minutes approved via email response.
2. Questions/comments about commission summaries:
  - Parish Life: New furniture in the Narthex is intended to make the place more welcoming and foster fellowship. There is a Parish Life philosophy around the physical changes; making more opportunities for small group options (generational focus is an example) and using the space appropriately. We will be intentional about encouraging the Synod small groups to continue as faith and community building opportunities within the parish.
  - Are the commissions getting all the commission reports? Future reports should be sent to both the PPC and the parish office staff and subsequently, other commission members.

**Finance Council info about distribution of funds:** Paul Turek shared a document that addressed Parish finance anomalies related to the pandemic as well as a suggested breakdown of how to distribute these funds within the Parish/School. He recommends setting up 4 separate accounts to be able to manage, monitor and measure the outcomes of the expenditures. He also stressed the need to isolate these funds from the regular budget process.

Comments:

- PPC spent a lot of time identifying Parish priorities. Is there a way to earmark funds to ensure that the priorities are addressed? Pastor Discretionary fund could be used for these.
- Like the simplicity of the breakdown of funds into the 4 categories
- Discussed option to hire temporary help to “kick start” programs? Social Justice and outreach were used as an example.
- Teachers and staff are not paid to a community standard. Is that something we want to address?
- What is REALLY needed for the Capital Expense fund? And how will these funds impact that?
- The May discussion and generation of ideas on how to spend a portion of the funds are part of the Pastor Discretionary funds.
- PPC is supportive of the 4-way split, understanding that some of the funds will not arrive for another 6-9 months. Request for Finance Council to add controls to the funds.

**Updates on personnel/hiring process:**

- Sean Barker is coming back for Music Ministry. It’s a different position than before; it will be a full-time position in music and liturgy. There are also accompanist funds. This addresses the PPC/Parish priority of enhancing the mass experience.
- Business administrator position is still open. Father Stan is soliciting recommendations for individuals to recruit. Position is posted on the Archdiocese site.

**Accomplishments of the past year:** Mark generated and shared the following list:

- Survived and thrived during the pandemic.
- Membership is steady; funding went beyond what was expected.
- Generated good will with the creative measures for celebrating Mass.
- Dissected the DMI survey and generated three priorities areas of initiatives. This was a good exercise to prepare for the Synod process.
- Strengthened the ties with the Finance Committee.
- New board structure of 6 members; communication has improved. Monthly reports from committees, approval is faster.
- And it was all done via Zoom.

**Planning for Leadership planning for early September**

A Leadership planning retreat for PPC, finance council, parish staff and school board to be held early fall was previously discussed. The preference is to have the workshop before the Synod meetings that start in mid-September. Decision to plan for Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Workshop will likely begin as early as 8:00 a.m. Father will notify staff. Tom will check out some facility options.

**Pastor Time**

Father reported on the recent assembly/retreats he attended.

**Farewell to exiting members**

Thank you to the exiting members, Patrick, Ute, Kenny and the recording secretary, Kathy

**Ending Prayer**

**Next meeting: Monday, July 26, 2021 7:30 pm face-to-face in Parish Center (Basement)**