

PPC Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2020

Attendees:

Fr. Roman, Steven Boyd, James Moore, Sue O'Donnell, Laini Harris, Michael Welsh, Joseph Ames, Andrea Boyd, Tom Jones, Joni Borbon, Julie Malmberg, John Valentine, and via Zoom Mary Ann Mitchell, Denise Hackett, and Kellyann Allio.

Welcome, Opening Prayer and Ice Breaker:

Fr. Roman gave an opening prayer, discussed this Sunday's scripture and reflected on the passage.

The PPC participated in an ice breaker to help new and seasoned members to get to know each other.

Committee Business:

- Update PPC Roster
 - The updated list was distributed to the PPC electronically and members were asked to confirm its accuracy.
- Brief bios for PPC webpage
 - Each PPC members is asked to write three sentences about themselves, to include:
 - Ministries they are involved in
 - Career/retirement
 - Hobby or passion
 - PPC members will bring bios to the next meeting and send an electronic version to Denise. They will be posted on the parish website. PPC members have the option to include their email addresses for parishioners to contact them.
- Zoom meeting info
 - The same link will be used for each PPC meeting for ease of the members. The link will be included on each month's agenda.
- Ministry liaisons
 - The ministry list has been updated and was included in each new member's PPC binder.
- Review of the PPC calendar for 2020/2021
 - The PPC decided to plan events beginning in late 2020/early 2021 in the event COVID restrictions are lifted and events can resume. The PPC discussed the 5th Sunday responsibilities of the PPC as well as reminded members that each PPC meeting occurs on the 4th Thursday of each month (except for November and December 2020 when meetings will be held on the third Thursday).
- Election of Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Andrea and John provided brief descriptions of each position.
 - Laini Harris volunteered to be Vice Chair, and Sue O'Donnell volunteered to be Secretary for the 2020/2021 PPC calendar.

- Future PPC meetings possibly in person
 - The PPC mentioned that social distancing and masks requirements would be followed.
 - The parish gym is a possible meeting location.
 - The PPC is exploring technology additions/improvements to better accommodate members who cannot/wish to not participate in person.

Current PPC Projects – Strategic Initiatives:

- Parish community survey focus areas:
 - Laini, Andrea, Steven, and Denise provided updates about the four strategic initiatives (Social Activities, Hospitality and Welcoming, Campus Development and Social Justice). New PPC members were asked to reflect on which of the four initiatives they would like to participate in.
- Strategic Planning Committee
 - Tom provided an update on the Strategic Planning Committee activities and its current progress, including:
 - Current members of the Strategic Planning Committee include Sue O'Donnell (new volunteer) Mike Hackett, Denise Hackett, Fr. Roman and Fr. Marcel.
 - Stewardship will be a major focus of the new 5 Year Strategic Plan. A committee has been formed to focus on stewardship. Committee members include Tom Jones (and possibly his wife Karen Jones), Julie Malmberg (new volunteer) and Mary Ann Mitchell (new volunteer).
 - The PPC discussed reasons why Catholics in general give little (in terms of money) to the church. The Stewardship Committee will be working on implementing new ideas to inspire giving. Ideas include creating and spreading messages of trust and heart, increased transparency with parish finances/costs/hardships/how the parish is handling funds, how parish finances are associated with the four Strategic Initiatives, and personalized outreach programs to parishioners.
 - The PPC discussed creating daily or weekly messages of hope to be distributed in various ways, including video and social media. If adopted, speakers and messages would vary and can include initiatives from the parish Finance Committee, PPC, Strategic Planning Committee, Ministry liaisons, COVID safety when transitioning to in-person mass, 2021 events, etc.
 - Planning 2021 events: 2021 events will be planned as usual, with additional health safety measures in place. Events will be promoted online, during mass, on the parish website and in the bulletin. Virtual options will also be available at each event.
 - Parishioner touchpoints throughout COVID: the PPC discussed continuing to use multiple methods of communication to parishioners, such as telephone, website, social media and mail,

as a means to keep parishioners active and engaged with the parish and the community, to increase financial contributions, and to provide a feeling of community and belonging while physically away from church.

Breakout Sessions – Looking to the Post-COVID World:

James led the PPC through a discussion about how to make parishioners feel safe when the time comes to return to in-person mass and hold events. PPC members participated in breakout sessions to brainstorm ideas in:

- Bringing people back and inspiring wonder, through parish social activities and events previously cancelled in 2020.
- Igniting passion through our example, through social justice initiatives and lessons learned from COVID.
- Overcoming fears, through hospitality/welcoming and outreach efforts to the community.

Brainstormed ideas were shared to the entire PPC.

Miscellaneous:

The PPC holiday party is scheduled for January 8th, time and place TBD.

Closing Prayer:

John led the closing prayer, paying a beautiful tribute to Dan Freeman.

Meeting adjourned around 11:40am.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom.