

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9th, 2024, 7-8:45pm



Member Attendance: Jason Leon, Jennifer Herman, Lea Kammerer, Ralph Johnson, Eva Hansen

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame

Member Absent: Alex Leon, Andrew Hanselman, Emily LaForte, Todd Briguet

Trustees:

Opening Prayer

- I. Recording Future PPC Meetings for notetaking purposes only – all in favor, will start 10/14/25
 - a. Admin will provide disclosure needed to record – Software used TBD
- II. Fall Festival
 - a. PPC Presence – name tags and gather community input regarding Campus Security, Census, Picture Directory, Closing the Capital Campaign this year, and the return of crucifix to Shamrock Hall
 - b. Future planning – all groups oversee a part of the festival activities
- III. Campus Security
 - a. Ongoing discussion this year – get input from Commissions and Community
 - b. Upcoming assessment to determine needs
- IV. SET Update
 - a. Reclaiming Sundays Program started 9/1/25 – info in Gathering Space and Faith Formation area- the theme this month is Prayer.
 - b. Small Groups – planning for Advent and Lent this year – Leaders needed
- V. Parish Administrator Report
 - a. Finance Council Update – FY2024 letter sent in Aug – report any feedback
 - b. Directory – Signups and PPC needed to help with Hospitality – Schedule TBD
 - c. Census – PPC will help support and communicate Sept-Oct – QR code provided
 - d. Capital Campaign - \$10K to go to goal & Thank you gift in October
- VI. Commission Updates
 - a. **Parish Life 9/2/25**
 - i. 55+ - Lunch scheduled for Sept and Oct. Discussion regarding 2026 Sept, look at schedule conflicts near Fall Festival. Meal service Oct 11-12 for Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend held at Church of St. Patrick.
 - ii. Men's Club – Meetings start in September. There will be canned beer at festival this year and members will be identified with their shirts/vests/nametags. Donut Sunday 10/5/25. Pancake Breakfast 10/25/25.
 - iii. Circle of Friends – Donated cost of framing the picture of Pope Leo XIV. Donated cash prize to the festival raffle and scratch off auction items. Members will be identified at fall festival and other events with their shirts/name tags.
 - iv. Franciscans – had a picnic in Aug. Reps will help at Fall Festival with serving meals this year.
 - v. Fall Festival – Ongoing recruiting of volunteers, Rummage Sale promotion discussed. Walk in the IGH Days parade discussed.
 - b. **Pastoral Care 9/2/25**
 - i. Homebound Eucharist Ministry has grown, need to identify who needs Eucharist delivered to them and pair with a minister – ongoing initiative
 - ii. Prayer Shawls are being made, planning the next distribution event
 - iii. Considering event for next year's Fall Festival to sponsor
 - iv. Growing Through Loss at Peach Church in Eagan, MN 9/18/2025

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c. Administration 9/2/25

- i. Building & Grounds – Cemetery: Shed and Well updates. Security: Shamrock Hall and collaboration with Worship Commission regarding ushers assist in an emergency. Other: Flag display moves back to gathering space with monitor showing Veteran and Active military member info
- ii. Stewardship – Parish Appreciation event going forward discussion. Doughnut Sundays will begin again 10/5/25 and continue the first Sunday each month. Groups are encouraged to sign up for a month to represent their work in the parish.

d. Faith Formation 9/2/25

- i. Security measures discussed – ongoing preparedness planning
- ii. OCIA & OCIC – 5 enrolled so far for this year
- iii. Faith Formation & Sacrament Prep – First Reconciliation 9/10/25. FF Kick-off & Meet Catechist is 9/17/25 (all spots filled). Parent meetings at first sessions, 10/1/25 for Confirmation Learners and Parents. Calls lists will be at 9/17 Mass. Flocknotes will be going out to encourage registration

e. Social Justice 9/2/25

- i. Updated brochure for Fall Festival and going forward will be submitted for approval
- ii. SJC will run Blanket Bingo at Fall Festival this year
- iii. Guiding Star Wakota baby needs drive will begin in Oct
- iv. Giving Tree this year – 5 families and 2 elderly individuals from Neighbor's Inc. as well as Church of St. Patrick Bounty Fund in Nov-Dec this year
- v. Next year planning Mary's Garden – community involvement/volunteers
- vi. Collaboration with other parishes – how to promote our Catholic Social Teachings in our community.

f. Worship 9/2/25

- i. Mass attendance is trending up esp. 4pm Sat and 8am Sun
- ii. Crucifix in storage – plan to move forward will be taken to Staff
- iii. Presentation regarding commission membership discussed
- iv. Resources in gathering space will continue – materials are taken regularly
- v. Sacristan distribution of Eucharist at Mass discussion, ongoing / ideas
- vi. Christmas Concert planning – 12/13/25 6pm – open to the public and Circle of Friends will provide hospitality.
- vii. Blessing of Animals Oct 4th & 5th ; Mass of Remembrance 11/2 10:30 Mass
- viii. Arts & Environment 10/31/25 8:30am & 11/29/25 1:00pm
- ix. Looking at Parish Mission Statement this year – ongoing discussion

VII. Additional Topics for Ongoing Discussion this year

- a. Catholic Spirit Subscription Rotation – will be revisited after Census is completed
- b. Any additional fund raisers must go to Finance Council for approvals
- c. Parish Float in the IGH Days Parade going forward – Commission input needed
- d. Parish Wide Stewardship Event for current Commission/Committee work

Next Leadership Commission Night is Tuesday, Oct 7th at 7:00PM

Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 14th at 7:00 PM – All are Welcome to attend!

Adjourn 8:45 PM