



**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Father Peter Grace, CP**  
**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**Members:** Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Patrick Ginty, Mary Hansen, Jesus Hernandez, Melina Hernandez-Campos, Misael Jaramillo, George Lozano, Louise Lupo, Marco Maya, Anne Miller, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Victor Sanchez, Sean Skelly, Jon Soika

**Members Excused:** Melina Hernandez-Campos, Dean Penny

**Members Absent:** Patrick Ginty

**New Members Present:** Colleen Ayres, Karen Blair, Francisco Cucue, Hatciri Lopez, Catherine Orji, Yolanda Sanchez, Stephanie Satkowiak, Ruth Silva

**Opening Prayer:** Marco Maya

**Guests:** Ricky Herrera

**Approval of Minutes:** May minutes were approved by Mike and seconded by Sean; all agreed.

**Welcoming Remarks:** Fr. Grace

- Thanked outgoing members and welcomed newcomers and continuing members.
- Pastoral and Finance Councils are two primary bodies that assist in parish life.
- Read several Scripture verses.
- Stressed importance of love and concern for one another and community.

**Youth Report:** Jesus Hernandez

- Last Thursday, talk from Ben Albanese.
  - *Does God get mad at us when we sin?* Ben discussed this topic with the youth.
- This Wednesday—Beach trip for one day; taekwondo after that.
- Middle school group is going strong.

**Finance Update** Ricky Herrera

- Budget
  - Operating budget = what it takes for the parish to operate.
  - 3200 families; \$278 per family gives the total offertory of \$891K.
  - \$1.1M in revenue.
  - Expenses = revenue this year.
  - \$2,067,500 is total budget for 2021-2022. \$646/family to cover the total.

# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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- Adding two second collections for faith formation; adding two part-time staff positions for maintenance and bookkeeping; adding one full-time position for communications.
- Capital Projects
  - Columbarium – groundbreaking in July.
  - Storage building – getting rid of current buildings; building a structure with multiple bays/units; committing \$50K from savings; \$20K from food pantry via grant; \$30K must be raised to generate suitable funds to construct.
  - Church lighting – all lights in church changed last year; church volunteers did it for \$17K (versus \$80K quotes from two companies); need new panel for new lights being planned for mosaics and Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - Church projectors – one desired for each side of the church.
- Storage sheds
  - \$30K - \$45K needed in fundraising.
  - Construction will not begin until fundraising has generated at least \$30K.
- Columbarium
  - 31 niches already sold.
  - Special permit approved.
  - Hope to be complete by January.
- Church lighting
  - Mosaics are 100% donated by parish families.
  - Church lighting will be added to highlight mosaics, Divine Mercy, and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - Upgraded technology to control lights is anticipated to cost \$30K - \$50K. Project will not be initiated until funds are in place.
  - \$25K has been pledged toward the lighting project from parishioners.
  - Current panel will not allow existing lights to dim whereas new panel would make current lighting dimmable.
- Update on purchase of adjacent land
  - Developer/partner making an offer.
  - Several factors may be working in parish's favor:
    - Airport considerations.
    - Moratorium on Johnston County water/sewer needs.

## **Father Hector Foundation:** Ricky Herrera

- Bishop Zarama established foundation in 2018.
  - Foundation.org
  - Volunteer lay board has been overseeing.
  - Serves all ministries of Diocese.
  - Manages over \$65M in assets.
  - Gold-star seal of transparency has been awarded.
  - If the foundation could be elevated to \$400M, everything the diocese does annually would be fully funded.
  - 3 endowments within foundation are tied to St. Ann: capital, ongoing project, seminarian partnership in Fr. Hector's name.
- Ben Albanese leading a bake sale in early July to raise money for Fr. Hector endowment; will be second collection in August for this cause.
- Fr. Hector came here to conduct mission work in serving St. Ann. His work not only supported the Spanish-speaking community but also the English-speaking community by freeing up the other priests.

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- ALL amounts are welcomed—not just large donations.
- Two representatives of St. Ann on the foundation: Dean Penny and Ricky Herrera.

## **BAA Update:** Anne Miller

- Through last Thursday, we are \$373.80 short of goal *in pledges*. \$118K has been received thus far (95% of goal).
- Ben Albanese has been helping to reach out to parishioners who have not yet given.
- The family who brought the food truck in recently donated around \$1K from their efforts.
- It is estimated that 15% or so of the parish's registered families have donated to this year's BAA.

## **St. Ann Learning Academy:** Martin Dramou

- Has been dormant since the COVID situation began.
- The Safe Environment requirement resulted in some volunteers leaving.
- My Education on Demand software is being built; it will be attached to the parish website once ready. Those in need can register for distance learning or in-person instruction. The software will be ready by the end of July.
- The program is coming back, and the intention is to start recruiting back former students; there were 45 previously.
- It is hoped that the program can start in early August.
- Will all teachers meet safe environment requirements? Yes, they will.

## **Safety Committee:** Kevin Pilotte

- Need improved fire and smoke detection system.
- Larry Such is parishioner and heads Thanksgiving Fire Department.
- Appointment with rep from Crawford Sprinkler Co. will be scheduled in near future for an inspection and to receive recommendations for upgraded system.
- Learning center will also be evaluated.
- After evaluation, recommendations will be submitted to the Finance Council and Pastoral Council.
- There is no sprinkler system in the trailers or church.
- Looking to establish phone system that would allow intercom feature to allow widespread warning of emergency or issue lockdown command. Kevin contacted former employee but has not reached her.

## **Council Positions:**

- Louise notified parishioners of current PC members who are eligible for chairperson position.
- Jon Soika was nominated for chairperson and Anne Miller vice-char; both accepted.
- Each Pastoral Council member introduced themselves to the group.

## **Other concerns:**

- None

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**Closing Prayer:** Father Peter

***Next meeting is Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7 PM***

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.  
Respectfully submitted by Jonathan Soika