

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting March 1, 2017

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Mac Chapman, Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Carl Mossberg, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Megan Tilles, Gayle Plecha, and Fr. Francis Aguilar as the staff representative

Absent: Marianne Canetti, Bob Rapoza, Katelyn Parker, Onyi Onyeador

Guests: Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council)

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Frank Lee and Bill Munday.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Upcoming Lent Activities

Msgr. Sork reported that today is the first day of Lent, and SJF has many Lenten activities.

- The Lenten Soup Suppers are every Friday during Lent in the auditorium after the 5:15 PM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.
- This Friday the choir will be singing "The Passion" prior to the Stations of the Cross.
- The Youth Ministry will perform Living Stations of the Cross on March 24 at 7:00 PM and March 26 at 3:00 PM. It is a very moving ceremony and all are encouraged to attend.
- Fr. Francis will be teaching a four-week series on Thursday evenings entitled "Transform Your Life" beginning March 16 in the auditorium. He will focus on the topics of relational, spiritual, emotional and mental health.
- The Parish Mission will be held on the evenings of March 26, 27, and 28 in Barrett Hall. This year the speaker is Mike Patin. He also spoke at R.E. Congress.
- There will be a Lenten concert on Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 PM. This is a good opportunity to hear the new organ.
- The Penance service is Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM.

Dive-in USS

Dive-In University Series South has different talks at various parishes and runs from March 6 – March 23, 2017. Cardinal Roger Mahony will be speaking about immigration at St. John Fisher on March 22. Msgr. Sork will speak on March 8th at Maria Regina Catholic Church in Gardena.

Mass Schedule for Holidays

As a result of Pastoral Council's discussion last year regarding having more time between the Easter services to alleviate the crowds and parking situation, it was agreed

to change the Mass times to 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Church and PAC), 11:00 AM (Church and PAC), and 1:00 PM.

Groundbreaking for the New Church at Sagrado Corazon Parish, Cudahy

St. John Fisher has a commitment to help Sagrado Corazon build their church. It's finally happening. Msgr. Sork went to the groundbreaking ceremony a few weeks ago and actually broke ground with a shovel. Their parishioners have been waiting 25 years for a church, so they are very excited. It's expected to take a year to build – weather permitting.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of February Minutes

Hanan Tanios asked for corrections to the February minutes. Hearing none, Carl Mossberg moved to approve the February minutes as presented. Jeanne Murphy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Parish Activities Evaluation Metrics

Bill Munday passed out the most recent version of the metrics. He has met with most of Pastoral Staff. Grant Hungerford, music director would like the electronic version of evaluation at the April 2 concert. He will rework the form to suit his needs. It will then be transferred to software that allows the survey to be taken on a cell phone or computer. He would also like to have a section where donations can be made to the music guild fund. It is difficult to quantify people's feelings on music. He'll leave it at evaluations only. He proposes doing a survey on people's feelings during Mass or concerts.

Bill Munday had a good discussion with Margaret Johnson, Director of Religious Education. She provides a quality product and does her best to get registered families to come to class and hopefully stay. Margaret agreed to look into the numbers to find out how many children leave the program after First Communion and return for Confirmation versus how many stay in the program the entire time. According to the metrics handout, less than half the Catholic children on the Peninsula are in religious education. Bill Munday will bring a map to the next meeting so Pastoral Council can see which areas of the peninsula are part of SJF.

It was suggested to take attendance during all the classes and speakers series that the Parish offers in order to know how many hours of formation happen each year. The Archdiocese is going to be asking all parishes to track their Mass attendance in October beginning this year. It will be interesting to see how SJF's census compares to those of other parishes.

Gayle Plecha, the Parish Administrator and Bill Munday are looking into other ways to determine how many people are coming to church. They talked about counting how many hosts are consumed or ordered each year. Bill Munday will probably not be at the April Pastoral Council meeting, so he'll continue the discussion at the May meeting.

Communications Committee Report

Gayle Plecha reported on the proposed updates to the parish bulletin. The Communications Committee met a couple times to discuss giving a facelift to the bulletin. Keith Kamholz recently gave a survey about the bulletin to Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council. The results concluded that they want to keep most of the items in the bulletin. They have also looked at many other parish bulletins for ideas. Some changes include:

1. Less text and more images.
2. Less content that doesn't change from week to week.
3. The cover would change every week with a full image and some text.
4. It should be consistent with the website in color and tones for branding purposes.
5. Adding a calendar.
6. Possibly a page for kids.
7. They are looking at additional resources that the current bulletin company offers and also looking at another company to see what they have. They offer a free 30-day trial. The changes could be made as early as this summer with the current company.

Gayle Plecha asked Pastoral Council to bring examples of bulletins from other parishes. The Holy Week and Easter Services are on the rotating banner. The new Easter Mass schedule needs to be very visible. It should be advertised as soon as possible both in the bulletin and on the website with the possible headline "New schedule for Easter this year."

New Parishioners Lunch

The lunch has been scheduled for March 12 after 10:45 AM Mass. The committee mailed 65 personalized letters signed by Msgr. Sork to new parishioners about two weeks ago. They have received some RSVPs. All eight Pastoral Staff members will attend. Please email Hanan Tanios to let her know if you and your family will be there. It was posted in the bulletin twice, and there will be pulpit announcements.

Nominating Committee

The Information Session is April 5 at 6:00 pm and includes a potluck. The regular Pastoral Council meeting will follow at 7:00 PM. There will be articles about applying to be on Pastoral Council in the bulletins on March 19, 26, and April 5. The pulpit talks are scheduled for April 2. Jeanne Murphy passed around the sign-up sheet and asked everyone to sign up for the Mass they usually attend. Jeanne has the script for the pulpit talks. You will also need to sit at a table outside church after your talk to distribute applications and answer questions. Jeanne will help staff the table after Mass. Gayle Plecha asked Jeanne to give her the bulletin articles so she can make sure they are added to the bulletin. Hanan Tanios suggested personally inviting people you think would be a good addition to Pastoral Council. Members of Pastoral Council represent a microcosm of the parish. Members are chosen through a prayer process and discernment.

Lenten Concert

The concert will be on April 2 at 3:00 PM. Grant Hungerford has asked for Pastoral Council's help again with handing out programs and welcoming people. Please email

Hanan Tanios if you are able to help. This is a lot of fun. Grant will also need help with the reception in the Plaza room after the concert. Mac Chapman volunteered to help.

Soup Supper (PC Sponsored)

Pastoral Council is sponsoring the Lenten Soup Supper on March 17. Please arrive in the auditorium kitchen by 4:30 PM to begin setting up. The plan is to decorate for St. Patrick's Day with green tablecloths, etc.

Msgr. Sork reported that the 64th Annual Assembly of the South Coast Interfaith Council will be on Thursday, March 16. In addition to electing their new board members, they also present the Spotlight Award to someone who has exercised particular leadership. This year the award is being presented to Misty Jesse. The tickets are \$35; dinner is included.

Hanan Tanios passed out flyer for the Parish Leadership Network of Los Angeles which is May 16.

Other

- Mac Chapman asked for feedback from the Formation session on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.
 - Everyone wanted to keep going and have other sessions. It was a great format with having smaller groups and then meeting as a bigger group.
- Someone asked why there is a second chair on the altar.
 - Msgr. Sork said that chair is used by a deacon.

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman