

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting May 2, 2018

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Frank Lee (vice-chair), Joe Arroyo, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Jack Creeden, Carl Mossberg, Bill Munday, Chris Ratliff, Megan Tilles, Kelly Tramontin, Gayle Plecha, and Grant Hungerford as the staff representative.

Absent: Onyi Onyeador (youth rep.) and Andrew Leung (youth alt.)

Guests: Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), David Williams, Dick David, Bev Fink, Dana Hargrave, Bill Smith, Steve Izuno, Natalie Tanios, and Roya Adli.

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed the guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Chris Ratliff.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

LGBT - Update

Msgr. Sork asked Megan Tilles to give an update on the LGBT project at SJF. Megan passed out a handout which included the stages of progress for the Committee. They have met many times, and although they have not developed any parish-specific ministry or program, there is now a welcoming statement in the bulletin. In January SJF hosted an informational session to begin the dialogue process. They've attended LGBT meetings at local Catholic churches. The LGBT meetings and events at St. Lawrence are now publicized in the SJF bulletin. The Committee will continue attending those meetings so that when SJF parishioners step forward to lead or participate, they will be ready. The Committee spoke to SJF Confirmation Coordinator, Katie Dante, about any teens that have come to her with LGBT questions, but so far no one has, so she doesn't see a need for help with the teens. If parents come to Katie because they need help, she can direct them to St. Lawrence's group. Many of the local high schools have clubs for Gay-Straight Alliance, which includes people who identify as gay and the people who support them.

St. John Fisher Organ and Trumpet Concert

Grant Hungerford passed around the flyers for the upcoming trumpet and organ concert on May 20th. John Rusnak will play the organ and Grant will play the trumpet. Beverly Beatty volunteered Pastoral Council to help with refreshments, welcoming people and collecting the freewill offering. Grant said the role of Pastoral Council is very important to those performing in the concert.

St. John Fisher Summer Concert

The summer concert is on June 24th. The Advent concert will be in the second week in December. The Lenten concert will be on Palm Sunday 2019 so it doesn't conflict with the Festival of Faith. As soon as the dates are finalized, Grant will get the information to Pastoral Council. Grant said he spoke to Gayle Plecha about getting the information in the Angelus magazine. Mac Chapman would like to have flyers for the June concert and upcoming concerts available at the SJF booth at the PV street fair. Msgr. Sork said one suggestion from the last meeting was to have Grant recruit members of the music

guild to focus on publicity. Chris Ratliff said he would be the liaison to the Communications Committee. Grant would like to be able to give all the necessary information to the Communications Committee so they can disseminate it to the public. Grant would also like to create a banner for the upcoming concerts and display it at the street level of the church. Several other suggestions included using social media, a community bulletin and School Speak to publicize the music concerts. Msgr. Sork said there needs to be a group from the music guild dedicated to getting the word out.

Pastoral Plan 2018-2019

Msgr. Sork said Pastoral Staff will meet on June 5th for their evaluation day which includes drafting the objectives for the 2018-2019 Pastoral Plan. The draft then goes to the Ad-hoc Pastoral Plan Committee to rework and revise them. They will submit the revised draft to Pastoral Council for their input at the August meeting. In the fall the Pastoral Plan will be promulgated to the parish. Kelly Tramontin asked if the objectives were ever for more than just a year. Msgr. Sork explained that there is a five-year plan of goals. The objectives, which are designed to help meet the goals, are revised every year.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of April Minutes

Beverly Beatty asked for corrections to the April minutes. Hearing none, Jack Creeden moved to approve the April minutes as presented. Bill Munday seconded. The minutes were approved.

New Parishioners Brunch - Update

Beverly Beatty reported that the New Parishioners Brunch on Sunday, April 22nd after the 10:45 AM Mass was very successful. Frank Lee thanked the team for their help with the food. He said Margaret Johnson came up with the idea for the postcard and Gayle Plecha mailed them about a month before the event. Frank personally called the new parishioners from the parish office, and that seemed to be the key to getting a good response. Next year he suggested having a few people make the phone calls from the church phone number about two weeks before the event. Carl Mossberg said moving the event from Barrett Hall to the Plaza room helped to make it a more pleasant experience. Frank was impressed with the number of kids in attendance. There were over 75 people including Pastoral Staff and Pastoral Council.

PV Street Fair

Mac Chapman reported that they are on track with having the refurbished booth ready for the street fair on June 9th and 10th. Ann-Marie Hudani and the school are in favor of supporting the booth and staffing it this year. Mac went to the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce to make sure everything is set for this year. The Committee, which consists of Mac Chapman, Bill Munday and Carl Mossberg, has been meeting on Wednesday afternoons. Bill Munday passed around a mock up of what they would like to do with the booth. The plan is to have three tables in a U-shaped formation with cloth banners of images from the SJF campus on each of the three walls. Light will shine through the banners giving the illusion of being on the campus or inside the church. These banners are machine washable and very durable. Bill asked for some feedback on whether they should proceed with this idea and what images should be on the banners, or should they keep things the way they have been. Kelly Tramontin loves the

feeling of being brought into the church. Msgr. Sork would like to make sure the new Blue Ribbon School image is visible on one of the banners. Carl Mossberg would like to promote the school because people know about the church, but they don't know there is a school. Msgr. Sork reminded everyone that St. John Fisher is a church with a school so don't ignore the church and don't separate it from the school. Megan Tilles suggested putting St. John Fisher Catholic Church and School on the banner. Gayle Plecha said not to worry about the budget; if they are going to do it, then to do right. Mac Chapman is going to set up the booth prior to the event. He will send an email to all Pastoral Council members so they can see what it will look like and give their input. Bill Munday reminded everyone that there will be flyers and brochures for all the events, programs, and ministries offered at the church and school. Mac passed around the sign-up sheet and asked everyone to sign up for at least one two-hour time slot. There will be a Pastoral Council member and a School representative at the booth at all times.

Dates of Remaining PC Meetings for 2017-2018

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Wednesday, June 6th. There will be no meeting in July. Council members voted to have the last meeting on Wednesday, August 15th. The new term begins in September. That meeting date is to be determined.

Other

- The paint on the outside of the church is starting to streak and could use some touching up.
- A suggestion was made to name the Parish Activity Center after Msgr. Gilb.
- Megan suggested sending out a survey to the youth families now that RE is over in hopes of getting them more involved with the church.
 - Kelly is meeting with Margaret Johnson and Katie Dante to find out what the needs of the parish family and youth are.

Introduction of Pastoral Candidates

Msgr. Sork explained that Pastoral Council is a two-year term with the option for another two-year term. There are 12 adults, one youth and one alternate youth member. The Council is meant to be a microcosm of the church. Three members are up for renewal and three adults and the youth representative will term out in August. All the candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and then the Council will discern and choose the new members.

The regular meeting was concluded at 8:45 PM, followed by the Executive Session and discernment of the new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman