

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
September 7, 2019**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Chris Ratliff (chair), Joe Arroyo (vice chair), Dave Williams, Janos Bakos, Sheila Bloodgood, Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Chiby Onyeador (youth alt.), and Gayle Plecha

Absent: Dana Hargrave, Kelly Tramontin, Roya Adli (youth rep.)

Guest(s): None.

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 1:40 pm.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Chris Ratliff during the opening portion of the Pastoral Council Orientation at 1:00 PM.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Feedback

The Sultan and the Saint Movie Night. No Pastoral Council members attended.

Sacred Cloths of the Passion Presentation & Exhibit

Carl Mossberg thought it was very informative. The set up of the exhibits and the presentation were very well done. Over 120 people attended the presentation. He felt the focus was to increase faith in Christ as a physical being. Bill Smith thought people might have wanted to ask questions, but the opportunity was not presented. Dave Williams appreciated that the presenter didn't say it was the shroud of Jesus, but that it belonged to someone who had been scourged and crucified.

Signage Improvements

Because it was initiated in the previous year's Pastoral Council, Msgr. Sork asked if anyone had noticed the signage improvements. Chris Ratliff appreciates the lights and reflective paint on the driveway and the double-sided signs. He thinks it will be better to wait until Phase 2 of the master plan is complete before doing any other improvements. Msgr. Sork appreciates how much brighter the driveway is now. He said some signs won't be necessary after the completion of the next phase. Carl Mossberg suggested a sign on the other side of the driveway that can be seen as one is turning right into the driveway from Crest Rd. Gayle Plecha said the block wall at the end of the driveway is now lit. She also commented that the City has some restrictions on the visible signs at the bottom of the driveways. Msgr. Sork agreed that you don't see the sign as you pass it and this missing area of signage should be investigated.

Upcoming Events

Fall Kick Off & Knights of Columbus BBQ – September 8

Carl Mossberg wishes he could have more table space as he must share his table with another ministry. Gayle Plecha said that Misty Jesse has to allocate the space

accordingly and allow tables for the Knights of Columbus BBQ and the Fair Trade vendors in addition to any ministry that requested to participate.

Penance Service – September 30

“Screenagers” movie Growing Up in the Digital Age – September 29

This event is to help parents guide their children through the digital age.

Chris Ratliff said it begins at 10:30 AM Sunday in Barrett Hall so people can attend after the 9:00 AM Mass. Gayle Plecha reported that Margaret Johnson will be showing the movie during the R.E. classes.

Blessing of the Animals – October 5

Convocation for Priestly Renewal

Msgr. Sork said it had already taken place in La Quinta last month. All the L.A. Archdiocesan priests were included and about 350 attended including some who had retired. The keynote speaker was Fr. Ron Rolheiser. It was a three-day event in which priests of varying ages were placed in small groups to get to know each other better and become more comfortable discussing the issues. It was a very successful week with about 90% of the priests still in attendance at the end.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of August Minutes

Chris Ratliff asked for corrections to August minutes. Hearing none, Bill Smith moved to approve the August minutes as presented. Megan Tilles seconded. The minutes were approved.

Goals and Objectives: the way forward and periodic reporting

Chris Ratliff thanked the 2019-2020 Pastoral Plan Committee for their work and said their names are listed in the booklet. He also thanked Gayle Plecha and the staff for formatting it and taking it to the printer. Msgr. Sork said the CARA study guided them in the Pastoral Plan, which Dave Williams wrote about in the essay on the booklet's first page. The Pastoral Council favorably reviewed the booklet's new format.

Chris Ratliff asked all Pastoral Council members to attend the 5:00 PM Mass tonight and wear their badges. He said there will be stacks of the 2019-2020 Pastoral Plan and requested that they help pass them out after Mass.

Chris Ratliff asked Pastoral Council members to sign up to work on the objectives. He would like to see groups formed and organized and then report back to the Pastoral Council what you've observed and done, and what you'd like to do.

Next Meeting – October 2

Chris Ratliff said the next meeting is the first Wednesday in October.

Other

Carl Mossberg suggested that all parishioners read the book by Bishop Barron (*Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* By Bishop Robert Barron) that Pastoral Council was required to read for the formation session (scheduled later in the meeting). He stated that he particularly appreciated chapter 4 about the reasons to stay in the Catholic Church.

The meeting concluded at 2:21 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher Parish.