

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
February 5, 2020**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Chris Ratliff (chair), Joe Arroyo (vice chair), Dana Hargrave, Carl Mossberg, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Dave Williams, Chiby Onyeador (youth alt.), and Gayle Plecha.

Absent: Janos Bakos, Sheila Bloodgood, Steve Izuno, Kelly Tramontin, Roya Adli (youth rep), and Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative.

Guest(s): None.

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

The Council prayed the First 15, led by Dave Williams.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Feedback

- **The Unexpected God with Fr. Edward Beck – January 12.** The chair stated that Fr. Beck had requested presenting a one-day retreat and the Adult Faith Formation committee agreed to it. Msgr. Sork reported that Fr. Beck will be back in two years for the Festival of Faith, to be convened in the church. Dana Hargrave thought Fr. Beck reached everyone in the room. Joe Arroyo reviewed the evaluation forms that attendees completed and reported that an overwhelming number of attendees who submitted forms gave the highest rating and positive comments.
- **Requiem Mass for the Unborn – January 19**
No Pastoral Council members attended. No feedback.
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast – January 26**
Msgr. Sork attended the breakfast and felt it was well attended. He reported that the Knights of Columbus hold this annual event to raise money for the seminarians. Carl Mossberg said he enjoyed it.
- **Fireside Chat with Msgr. Sork – January 27**
Consensus of Council is that attendees (head count: 30) got a lot out of it, enjoyed it, and asked meaningful questions. Room setup was appropriate for Msgr. Sork's dialogue-style of presentation. Other SJF events occurring at the same time may have drawn away some potential attendees. When Msgr. Sork asked whether his open forum style or a formal presentation is better, the chair commented that the open forum worked well. The chair took for action to suggest to Adult Faith Formation Committee that our three priests be queried about how often they would like to convene the chats.
- **Festival of Faith 2020 with Jessie Manibusan – February 2-4**
Dave Williams said the turnout was good especially considering it started on Super Bowl Sunday. He reported that 150 people were served dinner. Msgr. Sork reported that 97 Confirmation candidates attended over the three days and that the program was

meant to attract young people (members of the Council who attended the event noted he did appeal to the young people). Consensus of the Council is that food and program were well received.

Upcoming Events

- **Together in Mission Commitment Weekend – February 8-9.**
 - Fr. Stan Bosch, S.T., pastor, St. Raphael Parish, LA will be preaching at all the Sunday Masses.
 - Gayle Plecha reported that at the end of his homily, Fr. Bosch will lead the financial commitment process. She asked that Pastoral Council members in attendance help the ushers with collecting the commitment envelopes.
- **US Census Recruiting – February 9.** Gayle Plecha reported that two U.S. Census Bureau representatives will be at a table outside the church after the Masses to recruit census-takers. The pay is \$25/hour plus expenses, and U.S. citizenship is required.
- **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress – February 20-23.** Gayle Plecha distributed the SJF flyer (announcing the SJF hospitality suite at the Anaheim Marriott) and briefed the registration process.
- **Lenten Friday Soup Suppers – begin February 28.** The chair reported that during the six Fridays of Lent there will be a soup supper in the auditorium. PC will prepare and serve the meal on March 27th. He will ask for sign ups at the next meeting. Members are welcome to suggest a recipe for next year as long as it's "meager."
- **Starry Night, SJF School Annual Fundraiser – February 29.** Msgr. Sork said it will be at the Rolling Hills Country Club on February 29th - Leap Year Day.

Capital Campaign Update. Msgr. Sork said SJF is at about 57% of final goal. The benchmark is to be at 60% when it's announced to the public in March. Dave Williams presented the promotional video that will be shown to the parish.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of January Minutes. The chair asked for corrections to the January minutes. Hearing none, Bill Smith moved to approve the January minutes as presented. Dana Hargrave seconded. The minutes were approved.

Staff Rep: Principal Anne-Marie Hudani – SJF School Update. Due to her illness, the staff representative was unable to attend the meeting, so no update was given.

PC Membership Nominating Committee. The chair briefed the Pastoral Council membership nomination process. He reported that the biggest demand for time is making the pulpit announcements and sitting at the tables to hand out applications after the Masses. He asked for Council members to participate and for one person to serve as chair of the ad hoc committee.

2019-2020 Pastoral Plan Objectives

- Team Leaders' Briefs
 - Objectives 1-5
 - Objectives 6 and 7: reporting complete

Objective #1 - We will identify and reach out to formerly active parishioners of all ages.

Dave Williams gave the team report. The team will meet in February. The next periodic "what's happening at SJF postcard" will be mailed around Easter. Dave feels that these events should not be specifically Catholic events in order to draw other people to the church and then maybe inspire them to attend a Mass. Gayle Plecha suggested adding ongoing events, as space allows, such as Senior Fitness, Adult Basketball and Divorce & Beyond. Dave Williams will work within the Adult Faith Formation team to get the primary events, and Zack Zuvich creates the Life Teen section. Megan Tilles asked if the postcards can be emailed, but Gayle Plecha said they don't have a robust list of parishioner email addresses. Megan Tilles suggested sending the postcard through School Speak. The objective team will discuss the possibility of emailing the postcards.

Objective #2 - We will seek opportunities to witness at Mass in various ways to help make the Gospel come alive. Carl Mossberg reported for the team that Fr. Francis is the lead for selecting parishioner speakers.

Objective #3 - We will support the implementation of Life Teen. Chiby Onyeador spoke for the team. Some of his friends went and said they would definitely go back. Megan Tilles reported that Zack Zuvich plans to conduct Life Nights twice a month, including after the Confirmation Retreat this weekend and after R.E. Congress.

Objective #4 - We will support ministries and provide opportunities for their continued success by promoting volunteerism. Dana Hargrave spoke for the team. The team is looking at the Called & Gifted™ Discernment Process through the Catherine of Sienna Institute (<https://siena.org/called-gifted>). In the meantime, Family Promise, Bereavement Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity need volunteers.

Objective #5 - We will improve our usage of social media to better enable all our goals. Megan Tilles spoke for the team. She attended the last Communication Advisory Committee meeting. American Martyrs has a part-time employee who does a great job with their social media, and she is available to help other parishes improve their social media (charge is \$100/hour). She will be speaking on the topic "What Will Jesus Post" at the R.E. Congress, and Megan hopes to attend. Gayle Plecha reported that Andrea Fowler (Pastoral Staff) posts to social media for SJF. Mgr. Sork would like the team to monitor what is currently being done and give feedback. Chris Ratliff suggested having two or three people allowed to post to social media. Chiby Onyeador said you can set up SJF as a business account to track the type of followers.

Next Meeting – March 4

The chair announced the date of the next meeting and asked members to report if they intend to be absent.

Other

- Joe Arroyo read the “Other Guidelines” concerning how PC members can bring concerns and affirmations regarding parish life to the attention of the Pastor.
- The chair suggested sending him an e-mail with suggestions for the next agenda.

The meeting was concluded at 8:45 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.