

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting February 1, 2017

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Carl Mossberg, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Megan Tilles, Onyi Onyeador, Gayle Plecha, and Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative

Absent: Katelyn Parker

Guests: Joe Arroyo

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

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Rick Creed.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

School Updates

Msgr. Sork announced that this is National Catholic Schools Week and asked Anne-Marie Hudani, SJF School Principal, to share news about Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Last year the school wanted to start a TK, but they did not have enough students. There are now enough four year olds to have a TK in the fall of 2017. There was an open house last weekend and several families inquired about TK. TK will feed into kindergarten and eventually the rest of the grades. The school library has been converted into a TK classroom, and there is a teacher ready to begin teaching. They can accommodate up to 20 children and are accepting applications now. The school also needs to increase enrollment. There will be 40 students graduating from 8th grade this year, so the school needs to replace those students. Marketing the school needs to be an ongoing process. The city of Rancho Palos Verdes allows them to display a banner twice a year, and they have a Facebook page and a newly redesigned website. The spring fundraiser will be held on March 4, 2017 at Trump National Golf Course. An auction website has been created so people can view and bid on items to support the school. The science fair for middle school students is next week. Winners can go on to compete at the state and national levels. Msgr. Sork asked for ideas from Pastoral Council for marketing and increasing enrollment for the school. The classroom size is up to 30 students, and the program is excellent; however, people just don't seem to be aware of how good it is. The students are very well prepared for entering high school. Some suggestions included having a contact at the local newspapers so they can print articles about the school, featuring the school at SJF's booth at the PV street fair, joining local parent Facebook and Instagram groups and sports leagues, and having a slogan to attract people, such as "We educate all children". The school is open to other denominations, not just Catholics.

Upcoming Lent Activities

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. There will be a 6:30 AM Mass every Monday through Friday during the Lenten season.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of January Minutes

Hanan Tanios asked for corrections to the January minutes. Hearing none, Bob Rapoza moved to approve the January minutes as presented. Beverly Beatty seconded. The minutes were approved.

Parish Activities Evaluation Metrics

Bill Munday handed out the updated evaluation metrics handouts. Since the last Pastoral Council meeting there have been discussions with Pastoral Staff, which resulted in some great feedback. One of the key suggestions from the staff was to have someone talk with each staff member individually to find out what they need. Misty Jesse used the evaluation forms for the Village Presentation event. The plan is to have a way to summarize the results of each event. Some staff members prefer the evaluations to be in electronic form such as a QR code. A classic metric for measuring each ministry would be to ask the ministry leaders how many people are involved in their ministries. Another option would be to have a section on the cards that are passed out during Commitment Weekend for people to indicate which ministries members of each household are involved in. It would be nice to have these numbers, but the logistics of obtaining them still needs to be worked out. Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic said Catholics are not very good about promoting the good works that they do. It would be nice to know how many hours people spend fulfilling the mission of the parish. There are more Catholics on the Peninsula that the church could be reaching. This is still a work in progress.

New Parishioners Lunch

Hanan Tanios reported that the New Parishioners brunch was changed to a lunch. It will be held after the 10:45 AM Mass on March 12, 2017. As the date gets closer she will need to know who from Pastoral Council and Pastoral Staff will be attending. Invitations will be mailed out in mid-February to all the new families who have registered in the parish since the last brunch. There will also be pulpit announcements and bulletin articles about the lunch.

PC Nominating Committee

Recruitment for new Pastoral Council members will begin next month. Jeanne Murphy requested another council member to take over leading the committee since this is her last year on Pastoral Council. This year the PC information session will be held on April 5th. Jeanne Murphy will get together with Gayle Plecha regarding pulpit announcements and passing out applications after Mass. Jeanne Murphy will pass out a sign-up sheet at the next Pastoral Council meeting. Please email Jeanne Murphy or Hanan Tanios before the next meeting if you are willing to help. Beverly Beatty offered to help.

Reminders

Religious Education Congress – Gayle Plecha passed out the informational postcards for RE Congress. This year the RE Congress is February 24–26.

Formation Session - The formation session is February 15th at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room. The meeting will begin with a potluck followed by a discussion of the book *The Joy of Love* by Pope Francis. Hanan Tanios passed out a guide that summarizes the book. Three of the chapters and some reflection questions will be discussed during the session.

PC Lenten Soup Supper – Pastoral Council will host the soup supper on March 17th. Please arrive by 4:30 PM to begin preparing the soup and setting up the tables. Pastoral Council will need to supply the bread. All other food and supplies will be provided. Beverly Beatty, Frank Lee, Mac Chapman and Rick Creed volunteered to help. Please let Hanan Tanios know if you can attend.

Sanctus Retreat

Beverly Beatty reported that the next Sanctus Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Several Pastoral Council members offered to help at the one in October 2016, but it was cancelled. She is hoping members will volunteer to help at this one. The maximum number of attendees is 30, so the team will need help getting people to attend. Since the retreat is the Saturday after Easter, there will be no planning meeting during Holy Week. Everything must be ready to go by April 10th. This is a great experience for people who want to grow in their faith journey. The team is staying with the message of Mercy and will try to incorporate the book *The Joy of Love*. Beverly Beatty and Joe Arroyo are looking for a new team to lead future retreats.

Other

- Over the last few months there has been no flag on the school flag pole.
 - SJF is in the process of figuring out if the pulley is broken or if it just came down.
- A parishioner said the sun shines so brightly through windows in the gym on the right side where the seats are that they can't see.
 - It's possible to add some type of shades or tinting.
- There will be Together in Mission announcements and a special speaker at all Masses this Sunday. The collection will be the following weekend on 2/11/17 and 2/12/17. Gayle Plecha will be coordinating the collection and could use some help. Please talk to her before Mass so she can let you know what to do.
- The Knights of Columbus are having their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 5th after the 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM Masses.

The meeting was concluded at 8:18 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman