

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
February 3, 2016**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Hanan Tanios, Keith Kamholz, Beverly Beatty, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Rick Creed, Frank Lee, Bill Munday, Jeanne Murphy, Bob Rapoza, Emily Fechner, Katelyn Parker, Gayle Plecha, and Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative.

Absent: Consuelo Conrad

Guests: Chris Ratliff, Diana Nenadic, Paul Leo (Seekers) and Jeanne Leo (Women's Council)

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Msgr. Sork welcomed the staff representative and guests.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Emily Fechner.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Year of Mercy

Msgr. Sork reminded everyone about the discussion at the last Pastoral Council meeting to create one committee to focus on the festivities of his vision for the Year of Mercy. The committee members are Hanan Tanios, Misty Jesse, Beverly Beatty, Grant Hungerford, Bill Mundy and Chris Ratliff. Chris handed out the briefs from the first committee meeting. A tower banner has been ordered for the outside of the church to "announce" the Year of Mercy to the community. It is a vertical banner (7 feet x 36 feet) and will face the street. It should arrive by Ash Wednesday. Five themed banners for the Narthex have also been ordered. These will be changed at approximately two-month intervals. There is a Year of Mercy article in the Worship section of the bulletin every weekend. There will be an advertisement in the PV News. Pastoral Staff recommends not displacing the Easter Mass advertisement. Pastoral Staff would like to hold off on the pew cards as there are already many items in the pews. The committee is still working on a way to collect and display these cards in the Narthex. They are researching a phone app for the Year of Mercy and looking at street banners similar to the ones on the corner of Hawthorne and Highridge. The committee contacted American Martyrs and St. Anthony's to discuss weekend small group pilgrimages throughout the year to various churches to pray the rosary or meditate on the Stations of the Cross. St. Maria Goretti website will announce a relic tour in the Western United States. The committee will monitor the web site to find out when it's coming to town.

Upcoming Lent Activities

- Shrove Tuesday Luncheon - Women's Council is selling tickets for the luncheon on February 9. Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik is the speaker. St. John Fisher was his first assignment as a priest over 30 years ago. He is currently Pastor at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

- School Accreditation and Fundraiser – Anne Marie informed the Council that a team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be at SJF February 16 - 18 to review the school for their accreditation. This happens every six years. The school must present a 60-page document about the school and its development over the past six years. The team will interview parents and teachers and have dinner with the school board.

The fundraiser takes place on February 20th at Trump National Golf Club. It's a dinner and dance with live and silent auctions from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

- Ash Wednesday is February 10. SJF has services at 6:30 AM (Mass), 8:00 AM (Mass), 11:00 AM (School Mass), 4:00 PM (Liturgy), 5:15 PM (Mass) and 7:30 PM (Liturgy). There will be a 6:30 AM Mass every weekday morning throughout the season of Lent.
- Lenten Soup Suppers take place every Friday during Lent from February 12 – March 18 after the 5:15 PM Mass. There is no soup supper on Good Friday.
- Stations of the Cross – Following the soup supper on first Friday of Lent, February 12, there will be a special presentation of the Passion of the Lord with the Music Ministry followed by the Stations of the Cross. The rest of the Fridays will be the regular Stations of the Cross.
- Living Stations of the Cross presented by the Youth Ministry will take place on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 PM and Palm Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 PM.
- The Parish Mission begins on Palm Sunday, March 20. Jon Leonetti is the Mission speaker this year. SJF gave away his book *Your God is Too Boring* at Easter last year. He will speak at each of the Masses on March 19 and 20. His presentation is in Barrett Hall on the following dates:

Presentation I: Who is God and Why Love Him

Sunday, March 20 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM; Dinner - 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

Monday March 21- (repeat) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Presentation II: God's Dream for Your Life?

Monday March 21: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner - 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

Tuesday, March 22 - (repeat) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Presentation III - Living God's Dream

Tuesday, March 22 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

Wednesday, March 23 - (repeat) 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Jon Leonetti suggested that SJF write a few paragraphs to mail to all the households inviting them to the event. Nelma FitzGerald created a beautiful postcard and flyer with all the information about the Mission event. Misty wants to know what Pastoral Council thinks of the idea. A discussion ensued about the best way to disseminate the information to the parish. Some of the suggestions included: insert them in Msgr. Sork's letter to the parish, put them in the pews, have staff members send them electronically through School Speak, hand them out after Mass, insert them in the bulletin, put them in the Easter mailing, and/or put it on the web site. It was decided that it would be too costly to write a letter and mail it to the 3,000 plus families in the parish. The back of the March 6 bulletin will have the flyer with all the information.

The Easter Triduum will be discussed at the March Pastoral Council meeting.

Msgr. Sork gave an update on the organ. It looks like we will be able to sign a contract this month. We are about \$200,000 short in cash received and about \$70,000 in pledges. The original estimate of \$800,000 did not take into account the sales tax. So there are still more people to reach out to for the pledges. SJF must show the Archdiocese that we have the pledges and are not taking out a loan. If the contract is not signed by February 15, the organ company can increase the price. Msgr. Sork sent a letter to the Bishop, and the Archdiocese is reviewing the contract now. If all goes well, there could be a new organ in the church by Christmas 2016. Msgr. Sork said Grant worked very hard to make this happen, so big kudos to him.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of January Minutes

Hanan asked for corrections to the January minutes. Seeing none, Rick Creed moved to approve the January minutes as presented. Jeanne Murphy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Pastoral Council Nominating Committee

Jeanne Murphy has headed nominating committee for Pastoral Council for the last year. She is asking for assistance this year. It's easy enough for one person to do, but someone else will need to take over when Jeanne's term ends. Since Easter is early this year, some of the dates for the pulpit announcements will need to be changed. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the information session on April 6 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM with food and then the regular meeting at 7:00 PM. This would eliminate the information session on March 30. Gayle and Jeanne will work together to revise the dates for the pulpit and bulletin announcements. The application deadline is the middle of April.

Reminders

- Dive-in University Series South – This is a Faith Formation outreach to the parishes of Deanery 19 and takes place at various parishes from February 22 – March 10. Msgr. Sork will be presenting at St. Lawrence. St. John Fisher will host the following presenters: March 7 with Daniel Smith-Christopher and March 8 with Fr. James Heft. This is the 4th annual Dive-in. Gayle passed out the programs.
- RE Congress Reminder – The event is held on February 26 – 28 in Anaheim. It's the biggest one of its kind in the world with attendees and speakers from all over the world with informative topics. SJF always has a hospitality suite for parishioners to stop by for snacks and drinks during breaks and lunchtime, as well as for heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on Saturday night in room 404 of the Marriott. This is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and share stories about the speakers. Some of the speakers from Dive-in will also be at RE Congress.
- Save the Date for Formation Session – February 17 at 6:30 PM with a potluck.

- Soup Supper (PC Sponsored) – Pastoral Council is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 4. Volunteers are needed to arrive at 4:00/4:15 PM to start cooking at 4:30 PM. The meal is served after the 5:15 PM Mass and is over by 6:30 PM.

Other

- An elderly parishioner tripped on the concrete of the baptismal font and was injured. Is it possible to have a plant or some other object in front of that area to shield it? Was this the first time it's happened?
- A parishioner asked about the tinted windows behind the altar and if there was a grander plan for them.
 - Gayle said the tint color will be changed at some point this year. The windows function properly but could be better.
- A parishioner asked if it was possible to have the Eucharistic Ministers wear some type of alb or other attire to make them stand out.
 - Msgr. Sork said this is not an option because he doesn't want them to look like clergy. They just need to dress appropriately.

The meeting was concluded at 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman