

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting
April 3, 2019**

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Joe Arroyo, Dana Hargrave, Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Kelly Tramontin, Dave Williams, and Margaret Johnson as the staff representative.

Absent: Bill Munday (vice chair), Chris Ratliff, Roya Adli (youth rep.), and Gayle Plecha

Guests: Benny Wong, Bob Ralls, Janos Bakos, Monica V. Snyder, Yolanda Williams, Bev Fink

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

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Bill Smith.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

Feedback

- **Teen Speaker/Musician – Joe Melendrez – March 10**

There was a positive response to Joe Melendrez. Dana Hargrave loved his message, and he had so much energy. She felt making it mandatory for confirmation students and parents was a great idea. This is the kind of event that we're trying to bring into the parish. Joe Arroyo thought his treatment of the Holy Spirit was really great. Megan Tilles appreciated all the support from Parish Council at the event. She felt making the event mandatory for confirmation students and a parent made things difficult, and it changed the attitude towards the event. Msgr. Sork said if you don't make it mandatory, then people don't go. Due to the large size of the confirmation class, this event was done in lieu of the Living Stations. Megan Tilles requested having the evaluation cards at events like this.

- **Dive-in Lenten Series – March 11-21**

Msgr. Sork asked for feedback from those who attended the presentations at other locations than SJF. He said the sound system at St. Lawrence makes it difficult to hear the speakers. Bill Smith felt Daniel Smith-Christopher, Misty Jesse and Fr. Alexei Smith were very good. Msgr. Sork thought Misty Jesse was disappointed with Christopher Kaczor. Msgr. Sork is the priest coordinator for this event for the deanery. He hopes they will go over the evaluations. Kelly Tramontin asked if there was any talk of live-streaming/You Tubing the events. She said someone could volunteer to record it on their cell phone and post it to the SJF Facebook page. Msgr. Sork would prefer to have people attend the event, but said he will bring it up at the meeting.

- **L.A. Religious Education Congress – March 22-24**

Megan Tilles thought there were some great speakers and others that were not so good. It's always so interesting, and there is always quite an array of speakers. Joe Arroyo attended the youth ministry track. Msgr. Sork said the numbers were down this year including the attendance at Youth Day.

- **Festival of Faith with Roy Petitfils – March 31-April 2**

Sunday and Monday had good turnouts. Dave Williams attended on Sunday and Tuesday nights, but didn't care for the speaker. Megan Tilles wished it hadn't been during spring break because his talk was directed toward teenagers, and it would've been great for the confirmation class. Msgr. Sork said the speakers need to be booked two or three years in advance so it isn't possible to know at the time if it will conflict with spring break. The speakers for 2020 and 2021 have already been booked and they are working on the speaker for 2022. Roy Petitfils will be back for NCCL and has offered to come back and speak to the SJF teens. Beverly Beatty heard him on Sunday and Tuesday and said she really enjoyed hearing about his life's journey. On Tuesday she felt he didn't have the same energy. Megan Tilles said this is another event that should have had the evaluation cards.

Upcoming Events

- **Lenten Concert – April 7 – 3:30 PM**

Beverly Beatty passed around the sign up sheet for Pastoral Council to volunteer to help pass out programs and also for hospitality. She asked people to arrive by 2:15/2:20. The concert is expected to end about 4:00 PM.

- **Lenten Penance Service – April 17 – 7:30 PM**

This is Spy Wednesday. Msgr. Sork hopes to get 15-16 priests to hear confessions.

- **Easter Mass Schedule – 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM**

This is a different schedule from the regular Sunday schedule. There are two services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, one in the PAC and one in the Church. The Boy Scouts will help direct parking lot traffic.

- **Divine Mercy Sunday – April 28**

The event will take place after the 12:30 PM Mass in the auditorium with a potluck and benediction at 3:00 PM.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of March Minutes

Beverly Beatty asked for corrections to March minutes. Hearing none, Dana Hargrave moved to approve the March minutes as presented. Megan Tilles seconded. The minutes were approved.

Update on CARA Survey for New 5-Year Goals for the Pastoral Plan

Dave Williams said CARA received the surveys a week ago. The turnaround time is 10-12 weeks. Apparently everyone wants their surveys completed by May. Msgr. Sork commended Dave Williams for coming up with this type of survey. The survey was for anyone 16 years and older. 1,260 surveys were submitted. Msgr. Sork said it is a significant number of responses. Some sections were left blank perhaps because they seemed too daunting. Megan Tilles said it was very organized and worked like clockwork. Chris Ratliff did a great job leading it. Having music during the survey made a difference.

Lenten Soup Supper – March 22

Beverly Beatty thanked those council members who helped with the soup supper. Beverly Beatty said they are discussing finding a new soup recipe. It was a good turnout even with R.E. Congress that night.

New Parishioners Brunch – June 2 – Plaza Room

The brunch will begin after the 10:45 AM Mass. Andrea Fowler sent Beverly Beatty a list of the 79 new parishioners, so postcard invitations can now be mailed. Margaret Johnson will assist with the invitations. Frank Lee has again volunteered to call each person to personally invite them. Please sign up to be on the committee and bring food. Pastoral Staff will be in attendance too.

PV Street Fair – June 8-9

Carl Mossberg sent application to the City, and it was accepted. Hopefully they can borrow Keith Kamholz' tent again this year. It costs \$320 to rent one from the City. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Msgr. Sork asked what was being promoted this year. Carl Mossberg said no theme has been decided yet. He and Bill Munday were thinking about Christ: the reason for spirituality. Beverly Beatty suggested promoting a variety of activities that the church does. Msgr. Sork suggested making it a topic for a future meeting. The school helped to staff the booth last year because they were promoting the new transitional Kindergarten. Two years ago they promoted the music at SJF.

Other

- Kelly Tramontin suggested looking at the parking situation with the hikers as an opportunity instead of something to prevent. These hikers could be looking for a church community. SJF wants to be a welcoming parish, so instead of threatening to have their cars towed, find a way to welcome them to the church. A concern was raised about who would do this.
- Beverly Beatty reported someone asked why SJF doesn't have a St. Patrick's Day party for seniors like St. Lawrence does. Carl Mossberg said the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center hosts one every year.
- Megan Tilles asked if the concert this Sunday had been advertised beyond the church. Beverly Beatty said that advertising is handled through Grant Hungerford and the music guild. Msgr. Sork said it was on the back of the bulletin and promoted outside the parish.

- Megan Tilles said the LGBT meetings at St. Lawrence are not being advertised in the bulletin anymore. She will call the parish office to make sure those are put back in the bulletin.

The meeting was concluded at 8:08 PM, and the Pastoral Council went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman