

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting August 3, 2022

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Sheila Bloodgood (chair), Dave Williams (vice chair), Namele Baker, Joseph McGuinness, Lucas Damasco (youth alt.), and Gayle Plecha

Absent: Cathy Alessandra, Janos Bakos, Celeste Cummings, Dana Hargrave, Antonia Lavender, Maddy Magaña (youth rep), Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative

Guests: Steve Ludwick, Stephanie Bezner, Rosemarie Diehl, Ryan McCormick, Mikaela Ventura, Tim Niemann

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:08 pm and announced that since they do not have a quorum, no decisions will be made, just agenda reports.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Sheila Bloodgood.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

New Parishioners Luncheon, June 5

Sheila Bloodgood said she considers the event a success and it was nice to socialize with parishioners. Only about 30% of those who RSVP'd actually attended and most were new members from 2022. It was tough not having it for the last few years due to Covid so she hopes they can get back to hosting it annually. Stephanie Bezner felt it was a nice event. Steve Ludwick said he and his wife enjoyed it and saw a lot of people they don't normally see. Gayle Plecha and Msgr. Sork thanked Sheila Bloodgood for her hard work to make it a welcoming event.

Anointing of the Sick, June 4

Msgr. Sork said this event occurs on the first Saturdays in December and June every year. Joe McGuinness thought it was beautiful. Namele Baker said she and Lucie Traxler are responsible for setting up every other pew and placing the ribbons on those who wish to receive a blessing from Msgr. Sork. who comes to the people in the pews. He said this event is just for those who are ill or elderly as it's a sacrament.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, June 11

Msgr. Sork was not able to attend as he was at his class reunion. Dave Williams thought it was great. He's always involved in putting together the slideshow, however he had to reach out to the ministries to pull together some new photos. The event was good and a lot of fun. Sheila Bloodgood thought it was well attended and saw people she hadn't seen in a while. Msgr. Sork reported that part of Misty Jesse's role as Director of Evangelization is to help people discern how they want to get involved in the church community. Gayle Plecha added that Chris Acherman helped with this event and the decorations and added that everyone liked the bumblebee "stress ball" gifts. Stephanie Bezner said there was an incredible spirit in the room and enjoyed listening to people talk about their ministries.

Street Fair Booth, June 11-12

Sheila Bloodgood had mixed reactions as she thought the booth was great and drew people in to play the games, but she doesn't know if they generated anything for the school. Having

Mrs. Hudani in the booth was helpful in sharing information about the school. Msgr. Sork said the school needs as much visibility as possible since not everyone knows that SJF has a school. Stephanie Bezner reported they had more interest in the school on Sunday. They were able to turn in 12-13 names to the school. She met a family who recently moved to the area and is looking for a church and a school. SJF had other events that conflicted with the street fair such as 8th grade graduation and the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. PVUSD schools were already out for the summer so people may have been out of town. Members of the church stopped by the booth to say hello. SJF was the only church at the event and people seemed to appreciate their presence. Rosemarie Diehl recommended more advance planning for this event to give the school more time to promote and staff it. She also suggested making it more interactive by having the drama and sports departments participate. Stephanie Bezner suggested having 6th and 7th graders in the booth to promote the school and they could receive service hours.

Summer Concert, June 19

Pastoral Council always supports the music ministry events. Joe McGuinness said it went very well. They passed the baskets and thought the donations were very large. The party afterwards had a lot of socializing and people had a good time. Msgr. Sork likes when they recognize the military units. Stephanie Bezner thought the turnout was good and there were a lot of families which may be due to its being held on Father's Day and Juneteenth.

Capital Campaign Update - Building Committee

The Building Committee had their first meeting with the architect and got the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) revision prepared to submit to the City. Msgr. Sork asked for an extension to August of this year, so we need to resubmit it at this time.. They do not have the updated estimate of the cost yet. Gayle Plecha pointed out that the original site model, located in the meeting room, includes the pastoral center. Msgr. Sork likes American Martyrs welcome center and feels that SJF's new building should be called the Msgr. Gilb Welcome Center instead of Pastoral Center.

Looking Ahead

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Fall Ministry Kickoff, September 11**

Msgr. Sork reported that this event occurs the day after the first Pastoral Council meeting.

- **Knights of Columbus BBQ, September 11**

Msgr. Sork reported that this is the tri-tip fundraiser for the seminarians and takes place during the Fall Kickoff.

- **"Jazz on the Plaza" Concert, Sept 17**

Sheila Bloodgood shared that this concert will be similar to the one at the Welcome Forward event last fall. She handed out the highlights of the plan to members. This year they are making an effort to make it cost-neutral. It's \$20.00 for a boxed meal and the concert or \$5.00 for just the concert. Tickets can be purchased in advance through Faith Direct using the QR code. They will cut off the food purchases the weekend before the event, but people can still purchase the concert tickets for \$5.00 on the day of the event. SJF will provide

non-alcoholic beverages with boxed lunches from Lisa's Bon Appetit. People can bring their own alcohol. PC members will sell tickets after all the Masses on September 3-4 and 10-11 so Sheila Bloodgood passed around the sign-up sheet. There will also be things to do on the day of the event. Dave Williams provided everyone with a copy of the postcard which includes the QR code. He will email the final version to Gayle Plecha. The postcards will be mailed around August 15th.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of June Minutes

Sheila Bloodgood reported that approval of the June minutes would be tabled to the next meeting since there isn't a quorum.

Staff rep brief: Anne-Marie Hudani, SJF School Principal

Not in attendance.

Objectives for 2022-2023 term – finalizing and voting

Msgr. Sork reported that voting on the objectives would be done through email since they don't have a quorum tonight. Sheila Bloodgood said they had a great discussion and brainstorming via Zoom and Google drive. She appreciated the input from current and incoming members, and they voted on nine different objectives. She said it's been challenging in the past to have members on more than one objective committee, so she suggested choosing just three objectives. Each member would only need to be on one committee and still make progress. Stephanie Bezner and Namele Baker liked the idea. Sheila Bloodgood will send an email to all 12 members asking them to express their opinions and then take a vote. The deadline is one week from tonight.

Recognition of PC Members completing their terms

Msgr. Sork recognized Dave Williams for his four years on the Pastoral Council and his term as Vice-President and thanked him for everything he has done. The other outgoing members were not in attendance: Dana Hargrave, Cathy Alessandra, Troy Kelley and Maddy Magaña.

Next Meeting

- 2022-2023 Pastoral Council Formation Day and New Member Commissioning, Saturday, September 10 from 1pm – 8pm. The day will include the regular business meeting followed by the formation discussion of the book, 5:00 PM Mass which includes the installation of the Pastoral Council followed by a potluck dinner at the Bloodgood's home. Sheila Bloodgood will email a sign-up sheet for food and provide her address later.
- Formation material – Sheila Bloodgood said they will be discussing chapters 1, 4, 9 and 10 of the book *Room 24: Adventures of a New Evangelist* by Katie Prejean McGrady. She will email the discussion questions to members about 10-14 days before the meeting. Joe McGuinness will not be there, but Celeste Cummings has agreed to help with the small groups.

Other

Dave Williams read the guidelines for Pastoral Council members to bring concerns and affirmations to the attention of the pastor.

- Sheila Bloodgood attended another church where anyone with a birthday or anniversary that month was asked to stand and receive a blessing at the end of the Mass. She felt it was a nice community opportunity and asked if SJF could do something similar each month or quarter.
 - Gayle Plecha said it would be discussed at the Executive Meeting.
- Ryan McCormick said the family/crying room feels sterile and asked if something could be done to make it more welcoming.
- Msgr. Sork said two gliders were added to the multipurpose room so it could now be used for nursing mothers during Mass only.

The meeting was concluded at 8:10 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher Parish.