

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 7, 2019**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Bill Munday (vice chair), Joe Arroyo, Dana Hargrave, Chris Ratliff, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Kelly Tramontin, Roya Adli (youth rep.), Gayle Plecha and Fr. Francis Aguilar as the staff representative.

**Absent:** Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Dave Williams

**Guest:** Sheila Bloodgood

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and welcomed the guest and the staff representative.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Beverly Beatty.

**Pastor - Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)**

**Feedback**

**PV Street Fair**

Beverly Beatty reported that attendance appeared to be down at the fair from previous years, and therefore fewer people stopped by the booth. Other vendors shared the same thoughts and were not sure they would return next year. Gayle Plecha suggested having Carl Mossberg contact the PV Chamber of Commerce to find out overall how the numbers were. Bill Munday feels it's a great mechanism for the school. Kelly Tramontin felt it was important to be there as a presence in the community, though she felt having four volunteers in the tent makes it difficult to bring people in. Roya Adli asked if a social media account like Instagram is being used to promote church events. Gayle Plecha said there is, but we don't use it to its full advantage.

**Penance Service in June**

Beverly Beatty thought it went smoothly. Msgr. Sork felt there were more people this year than at the one in June last year. Bill Smith felt handing out the examination of conscience was helpful to people following along.

**Spirit of America Concert**

Chris Ratliff attended the concert and felt it was a good crowd, good collection, and had great support from Pastoral Council. Beverly Beatty thought it was a well-attended and positive event. Msgr. Sork said 90% of the audience said they found out about it from parish bulletin or website. Bill Smith said Msgr. Gilb used to talk about it at Little Sisters of the Poor, so now someone else should personally invite them to attend.

**Upcoming Events**

**Fall Kick Off & Knights of Columbus BBQ – September 9**

This event takes place after the morning Masses. Bill Munday said the Knights of Columbus will have a BBQ.

## **Update on Capital Campaign**

### **Feasibility Study and Finance Council Report**

Msgr. Sork said 47 parishioners were interviewed, and the in-pew survey conducted for the feasibility study in June received responses from 787 households. The study showed SJF could raise the \$8 million needed to complete Phase II. The Study Advisory committee felt we should go ahead with the campaign. It was then presented to the Finance Council, who approved hiring CCS to conduct the campaign. It will start in August and go until next June. The feasibility study results will be on a bulletin insert for the last weekend in August. The next step will be to form a Campaign Executive Committee. From March – June 2020 parishioners will be asked to make their commitments. Gayle Plecha said we are working on a separate feasibility study for the preschool.

## **Update on Life Teen**

Fr. Francis, Katie Dante, and six parishioners attended the Life Teen conference in Phoenix. A lot of focus was on having a relational ministry and the need for a youth minister. The committee is meeting regularly to plan two events before the end of the year even before a youth minister is hired. Msgr. Sork said he wants to see it set up and strengthen the core team because this will guide them with finding the right youth minister. Roya Adli has attended the LifeTeen events at Holy Trinity. She said the youth minister is full time and that the core team members are all in their 20's. She said it's difficult to have the parents leading Life Teen when their kids are part of it. She offered to attend the meetings to get it going and promote it. Msgr. Sork said the idea is to keep the teens coming after confirmation. When Kelly Tramontin asked, Fr. Francis said the age range of our core team is 50s - 60s. Kelly Tramontin said the crux of Life Teen is built on the core (adult) team made up of adults in their 20s and 30s. She suggested contacting the campus minister at Marymount California University as a good opportunity to recruit core team members. Gayle Plecha said she will help with recruitment, and the core team is currently researching youth ministers.

## **Chair/Vice-Chair**

### **Approval of June Minutes**

Bill Munday asked for corrections to June minutes. Hearing none, Dana Hargrave moved to approve the June minutes as presented. Bill Smith seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **CARA Survey Results and Next Steps, Goals, 5-Year Plan**

Bill Munday handed out the proposed Pastoral Plan Goals & Objectives. The subcommittee has been meeting on a regular basis. Using two of the initial objectives from the subcommittee and the five initial objectives from Pastoral Staff, they merged them into a total of seven objectives.

Kelly Tramontin asked to include the Youth & Young Adults in the objective about ministries and to change the word "assess" to "support" pending input from Misty Jesse.

Bill Munday made a motion to approve the plan and objectives as written with the Kelly Tramontin's suggestions. Motion carried.

Msgr. Sork congratulated Bill Munday and the committee for the herculean task of accomplishing the new Pastoral Plan Goals and Objectives. Bill Munday thanked the committee for their work and suggested updating and reformatting the booklet.

### **New Pastoral Council 2019-2020 – First Meeting, September 7, 2019**

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 Pastoral Council will be on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and will include a formation session. The day will conclude with the commissioning of the new members at the 5:00 pm Mass. Chris Ratliff passed out Bishop Barron's book, Letter to a Suffering Church, A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis, and asked that everyone read it to prepare for the formation session.

### **Other**

- Kelly Tramontin asked for clarification on when it is appropriate for people to sit down after communion.
  - Msgr. Sork explained that according to the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, you are to remain standing during communion because it is a procession, but you may sit down after the last person has received communion. You don't have to wait until the Blessed Sacrament goes back to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Kelly Tramontin noticed the school flyer on the back of a recent bulletin focused on academics without mention of the Catholic experience.
  - Msgr. Sork said academics will never take priority over Catholicity.
- Megan Tilles likes the new bulletin. Gayle Plecha said we are using a new publisher. Chris Ratliff said the bulletin is the most effective social media we have, even more than Facebook, Twitter, etc. Gayle Plecha stated that Mercedes Castillon is the bulletin editor. She comes to most of the Communications Committee meetings, and is doing an outstanding job.

The meeting concluded at 9:08 pm with the prayer of St. John Fisher Parish.