

**St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting  
May 1, 2019**

**Present:** Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Bill Munday (vice chair), Joe Arroyo, Dana Hargrave, Steve Izuno, Carl Mossberg, Chris Ratliff, Bill Smith, Megan Tilles, Kelly Tramontin, Dave Williams, Gayle Plecha and Katie Dante as the staff representative.

**Absent:** Roya Adli (youth rep.)

**Guests:** None

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

The Council prayed the First 15 led by Dana Hargrave.

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

**Feedback**

- **Lenten Concert – April 7**

Dana Hargrave said it was a great experience to be able to perform a Lenten-themed part of the Messiah with members of the Los Angeles Master Chorale. She wished more people would come to see the performances. Megan Tilles suggested putting a banner at the foot of the stairs to promote the concerts. Gayle Plecha suggested having the choir take flyers down to the PV Art Center. Kelly Tramontin suggested putting something in the Peninsula People magazine with pictures and information about upcoming concerts as a way to appeal to the society-minded folks. Dana Hargrave and Megan Tilles agreed to take on the task of promoting the concerts.

- **Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Beverly Beatty said she and Marianne David felt it was a pleasure to work with Fr. Francis this year, and he felt the same way. Msgr. Sork asked if anyone noticed anything different about the procession this year. In the past, the altar of repose was in the Chapel of the Blessed Mother. This year the Liturgy Committee suggested using the Plaza Room because there is more room, however the Pastoral Staff decided to use the Parish Activity Center. This made everything much easier as the procession went directly from the church to the Parish Activity Center which resulted in a lot more people participating. Fr. Francis said there were still people in there at midnight.

- **Good Friday Liturgies – 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM**

The Stations of the Cross was at 1:00 PM following by services at 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM. Joe Arroyo attended the stations and thought it was good. Msgr. Sork said Pat Hart used to lead it, and Bob Moran did it this year. There were a couple hundred people at the stations. Beverly Beatty thought Liam FitzGerald did an amazing job with the altar servers at the 7:30 PM Mass. She also thought

there were more people in attendance than in previous years as they nearly ran out of hosts.

- **Easter Masses**

**Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM** – There were several comments about recent difficulties lighting the charcoal for burning incense at the Vigil Mass, and it was determined that a new brand of charcoal will need to be procured. Bill Smith conveyed some unhappiness he heard from parishioners who arrived early, but weren't allowed to enter the church until after 8:00 PM. due to the procession. Msgr. Sork said SJF needs to be clear about the expectations explaining that the reason the church is kept closed until after the procession is because historically people who arrived early didn't want to leave the church and give up their seats to participate in the procession. Dave Williams suggested giving ushers small flashlights to help guide people to the pews until the lights are turned on. Joe Arroyo suggested telling people to dress warmly. Dana Hargrave asked if there was a plan B in the event of rain. Msgr. Sork said fortunately they have been lucky and haven't needed one yet. Msgr. Sork said they used to relight the candles at the time people renewed their baptismal promises, which is liturgically correct. A decision was made to discontinue that due to wax dripping everywhere. Msgr. Sork said they are expecting 11 baptisms at next year's Easter Vigil. Kelly Tramontin said she appreciates the SJF choir much more after attending another church's Easter Vigil.

**Easter Sunday** – Bill Munday attended the 9:00 AM Mass and the lot was full at 8:45 AM even though the volunteer told him there was still parking available. When he told the volunteer he couldn't find parking and asked why they continue to allow cars to come in, he replied that people don't listen when he tells them there is no parking. Dave Williams said people don't follow the correct flow of traffic, and they are not nice about it. There is an overflow parking agreement with the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center.

- **Divine Mercy Celebration – April 28**

Chris Ratliff reported there was a potluck and recitation of the novena with Fr. Kalu after the 12:30 PM Mass. It was a wonderful turnout, but they need to do a better job getting the word out about what the event is and how to fully participate. Msgr. Sork suggested coordinating that with Ted French.

### Upcoming Events

- **South Bay Catholic-Jewish Women's Dialogue – May 7**

This year it will be held at St. Lawrence Martyr. They're expecting about 100 people to attend.

- **Youth Choir and Band Concert – May 24**

It will be held at 7:30 PM. Gayle Plecha asked Dana Hargrave to help promote it.

- **Organ Recital**

The organ recital will be held at 3:00 PM on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

- **Volunteer Thank You Lunch – June 1**  
Pastoral Council is invited to the Volunteer Thank You Luncheon at 11:30 AM. Gayle Plecha said it's a lovely lunch, but there is no speaker this year so the focus can be more on fellowship. Dave Williams said there will be slideshow of all the different ministries and volunteers played randomly during the event, so please email your photos to him.
- **Anointing of the Sick – June 1**  
This is a communal anointing and short reception for all the homebound at 10:00 AM in the church.

### **Update on Capital Campaign**

Msgr. Sork said that after the April meeting, he contacted CCS about the details of the feasibility study. It will begin in June and go through the beginning of July. Once they finish their report, the next step will be to present it to the Finance Council. The parish won't commit to anything until after the feasibility study. Kelly Tramontin stated her opinion that the maintenance and repairs components of the plan are in the spirit of the mission of the Archdiocesan campaign, but she questioned whether the proposed pastoral center is. Dana Hargrave stated that she still has questions and would like to see tentative milestones over the next two years. Msgr. Sork said that first the feasibility study needs to be conducted.

### **Youth Program**

Katie Dante reported that Confirmation was last Saturday. Bishop Sartoris confirmed 97 candidates. Since it was spring break for Catholic schools, four candidates were out of town so they will go to Holy Trinity for their Confirmation. She was also pleased to report that 42 newly confirmed teens would like to become teen leaders for the next two years. She said Fr. Francis was approached by several people over the last 18 months suggesting that SJF get involved with Life Teen. So now Katie Dante, Fr. Francis and a few others will attend the four-day training in Scottsdale, AZ in June. This will make them eligible to train others in the program. Msgr. Sork gave some history on past Life Teen efforts at the Parish. Katie Dante said the teen Mass is a result of Life Teen. After Mass they have a dinner followed by group dynamics with a topic. Most parishes do it every week, but SJF will do it once a month to start. She plans to do some things in July and August to get it rolling in the summer. Msgr. Sork said Pastoral Council can help recruiting volunteers as Life Teen cannot rely on priests to make it happen. Katie Dante asked Beverly Beatty to put together an EMHC training for the newly confirmed teens who signed up. Beverly Beatty added that it was nice of Msgr. Sork to give special recognition to Fr. Francis during the Confirmation.

### **Chair/Vice-Chair**

### **Approval of April Minutes**

Beverly Beatty asked for corrections to April minutes. Beverly Beatty will correct her spelling of Joel Melendrez to Joe Melendrez on page 1. Bill Smith moved to approve the April minutes as amended. Dana Hargrave seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Festival of Faith**

The Adult Faith Formation team asked Pastoral Council to discern on whether to continue to offer dinner on all three nights of the Festival of Faith or to have a meal on Sunday night and light hospitality for Monday and Tuesday evenings. The actual person in charge of the meals would like to continue with three full meals and the committee supported her. Megan Tilles said it creates a fellowship before the presentation. Gayle Plecha said the people who come straight from work enjoy the meals. After significant discussion no decision was reached.

### **New Parishioners Luncheon – June 2 – Plaza Room**

Beverly Beatty passed around an example of the invitation that was sent to the 79 new parishioner households. Gayle Plecha asked when Frank Lee is making his phone calls as she would like to make sure he has an available office and phone. Beverly Beatty said he is out of town and when he returns they will discuss that. Beverly Beatty passed around the menu for the luncheon. Chris Ratliff said to show up any time after the 7:30 AM Mass to help.

### **PV Street Fair – June 8-9**

Carl Mossberg said Bill Munday sent Anne-Marie Hudani a request for volunteers from the school to work in the booth on Saturday and Sunday between 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM. He passed around a sign-up sheet for Pastoral Council to volunteer too. They need four volunteers for each shift. Bill Munday said they also need a crew to set up and take down the booth. The school plans to promote their school program and have some giveaways. The booth will look like it did last year. Bill Munday asked what else will be promoted this year. Gayle Plecha said Misty Jesse has provided flyers for the Shroud of Turin exhibit in September and the Sultan and the Saint movie night in August. She said Grant Hungerford will provide concert flyers. Carl Mossberg created a PV Street Fair theme suggestion list. He would like part of the theme to include the gospel. He passed out a few copies of something he'd written. Kelly Tramontin, Dana Hargrave and Megan Tilles really liked it. Kelly Tramontin suggested putting in on a glossy postcard with the Mass times on the back so people have something tangible and meaningful that they bring home and keep. Carl Mossberg said to please email your desired shift to him if you're not able to commit tonight.

### **Other**

- Some seniors in the fitness class are worried about security at the church and are concerned with how vulnerable we are due to the recent violence on religious groups.

This may be an agenda item for a future meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 8:50 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher. Pastoral Council went into Executive Session.