

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council Meeting August 15, 2018

Present: Msgr. David A. Sork, Beverly Beatty (chair), Frank Lee (vice-chair), Joe Arroyo, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman, Carl Mossberg, Chris Ratliff, Megan Tilles, Kelly Tramontin, Onyi Onyeador (youth rep.), and Gayle Plecha.

Absent: Jack Creeden, Bill Munday, and Anne-Marie Hudani as the staff representative.

Guests: Paul Leo (Seekers), Jeanne Leo (Women's Council), Bill Smith and Alisa Leung

Msgr. Sork opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and welcomed the guests. He announced that Jack Creeden is moving out of the parish so he is not able to remain on Pastoral Council. There will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss his replacement.

The Council prayed the First 15 led by the Executive Committee.

Pastor-Parish Life (Msgr. Sork)

PV Street Fair

Bill Munday was absent so Carl Mossberg reported on the PV Street Fair. The new booth with picture banners helped to make it a successful event. There were three tables with green tablecloths containing various items including the Impact, which was a helpful tool to give to people who stopped by the booth. The banner with "St. John Fisher Church and School" was displayed in front of the booth. Many parishioners as well as local people stopped by the booth. It was great having the participation of the school including some teachers. Mac Chapman said they've been borrowing a tent from Keith Kamholz, but there has been talk of purchasing one. Msgr. Sork thanked everyone who worked hard to put it together.

Whispering Winds Retreat - Cancelled

Msgr. Sork said Misty Jesse tried to organize an Adult Faith Formation retreat, but not enough people signed up, so it was cancelled.

Capital Campaign

Msgr. Sork said the capital campaign has been discussed at previous meetings. Now he's asking Pastoral Council to think about the following things and be prepared to discuss them at the October meeting. Campaign 21 was mostly about building the new church, but it also included a grassy area for the youth and turning the old church into a youth center. Additional phases included creating an administration building with more offices and turning the Plaza room into a bookstore and religious gift store. Msgr. Sork asked Pastoral Staff to decide if they should proceed with the other phases under this Capital Campaign, so he'd like Pastoral Council to think about it too. He asked Gayle Plecha to pass out the original Campaign 21 brochure. Some of the plan did take place, some was modified and some hasn't happened yet. Part of the plan was to have a pre-school, which is different from transitional kindergarten. For now he's asked Pastoral Council to read through the plan and be ready for further discussion at the October meeting. Gayle also passed out the engineering firm's results of the property condition

analysis. The Parish facilities are in good shape but there are some aging infrastructure issues to be addressed. She shared the cost analysis over the next 12 years to maintain and the plan to improve the aging infrastructure issues. Gayle Plecha said everything was rated good, but Barrett Hall is 30 years old and needs some attention with replacement of plumbing, sewer lines, air conditioning and roofing. There are also wear and tear issues in the buildings that need to be addressed, but overall things are in good shape. The PAC, administration offices and school roofing needs to be replaced. Msgr. Sork again asked everyone to read over the documents and discern how to proceed.

Our Pastoral Plan

Beverly Beatty, Chris Ratliff, Joe Arroyo, Kelly Tramontin, Bill Munday, Megan Tilles and Jack Creeden are on the ad-hoc committee for the pastoral plan. They will spend the next year developing new goals for the five-year pastoral plan. At present they are finalizing the 2018-2019 objectives.

Our Objectives for 2018-2019

Msgr. Sork explained the ad-hoc committee receives the suggested objectives from Pastoral Staff. The committee can accept, reject, and/or expand on the objectives, but it's up to the committee to make the final recommendations. Beverly Beatty emailed the draft objectives spreadsheet to Pastoral Council and asked everyone to complete the form as to how they would prioritize the objectives. Beverly Beatty would like to approve the objectives at the September meeting. It's very important for everyone to complete the survey. Beverly Beatty read through the seven draft objectives on the handout and asked Pastoral Council to place an "X" in any of the corresponding columns: A) This is worth pursuing; B) I will help implement this; and C) Merge these two objectives.

1. *We will develop new goals or refine existing goals for the 5-year Pastoral Plan.*
2. *We will prepare for the archdiocese's capital campaign.*
3. *We will develop ways for the Pastoral Council to provide direct assistance, when requested, to the youth and teen religious education programs.*
4. *We will identify disillusioned/lapsed/alienated Catholic constituencies and develop ways to encourage them to come back to the Church.*
5. *We will develop a plan and then implement that plan for periodic community-strengthening events (the community being the parish).*
6. *We will assist in developing opportunities for parents of school-age children to meet and build relationships on Sunday mornings.*
7. *We will determine and record throughout the year what the parish has accomplished that we want to make known to the RPV community (for example, to publicize at the PV Street Fair).*

The first two objectives have already been set. Chris Ratliff indicated that checking Box B doesn't mean you will commit to making events happen but rather you will be a resource to seeing that it happens. The goal is to have a subcommittee for each objective in order to make it happen. Chris Ratliff said #4 is an extension of the existing objective of identifying underrepresented groups, which has been very successful. There are people who really feel turned off from the church or feel they can't come back to the church because they've perceived they have committed some unforgiveable sin. Gayle Plecha asked for examples of #5. Kelly Tramontin said Margaret Johnson wants

to get parents involved and create camaraderie which will hopefully lead to better attended events and more volunteers. Beverly Beatty said one example would be to have a food truck after Mass for families to gather and socialize. Frank Lee asked if there was a Senior Connection type of group as the previous one dissolved. Unfortunately the Single Seniors group didn't work out either. Gayle Plecha reported that the Italian Catholic Federation has some wonderful events, and you don't have to be Italian to participate. Msgr. Sork said the goal of #6 is to encourage families to attend the 9:00 AM Mass together and then while the children attend religious education classes, their parents can socialize. #7 should be corrected to "Palos Verdes Peninsula" not just RPV. Megan Tilles said it's basically public relations to promote what is happening and share the successes of what has happened. Kelly Tramontin recommended linking events to the Facebook page and *Peninsula People*, etc. Chris Ratliff suggested that when the survey is tallied and the committees are formed, ask the committees to use their imagination, other resources and pull the parish in to execute the objectives. The parish does have a Communications Committee one of whose responsibilities is teaching ministries how to promote events.

Msgr. Sork presented the certificates of appreciation to those Pastoral Council members whose term has ended: Onyi Onyeador, Marianne Canetti, Mac Chapman and Frank Lee.

Chair/Vice-Chair

Approval of June Minutes

Frank Lee asked for corrections to the June minutes. Hearing none, Chris Ratliff moved to approve the June minutes as presented. Megan Tilles seconded. The minutes were approved.

Report Of LGBT Ad Hoc Committee

Beverly Beatty reported that St. Lawrence Martyr had a special event for their One Heart Ministry and showed the film "Anyone and Everyone". Its theme is "feed my lambs". A healthy discussion followed and at least seven parishioners from St. John Fisher were in attendance as it had been advertised in the bulletin. Chris Ratliff said the Sunday event wasn't the typical meeting. Gayle Plecha asked if SJF parishioners were attending the regular meetings, but Beverly Beatty hasn't seen any yet. Msgr. Sork corrected the location of Holy Family to South Pasadena on the handout. Gayle Plecha said this is a very good example of what an ad-hoc committee can do over the course of a year.

Fall Kick Off

Beverly Beatty reported that the Fall Kick Off will be Sunday, September 9th. It is a combination of the Ministry Fair and Fair Trade vendors along with the Knights of Columbus BBQ.

Pastoral Council September 15th Meeting

The first Pastoral Council meeting for 2018-19 will be Saturday, September 15th at 1:00 PM beginning with orientation, followed by the regular meeting and then the formation session where the book *Rejoice and Be Glad* by Pope Francis will be discussed. All should attend the 5:00 PM Mass to be commissioned by Msgr. Sork. The family potluck location is TBD.

Other

- One of the guests expressed concerns about the LGBT Ministry at St. Lawrence Martyr.
 - There is a very large range of opinions in the LGBT groups. The point of the ministry is to accompany the members as they carry their cross.

The meeting was concluded at 8:30 PM with the prayer of St. John Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Acherman