

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Joselle Ruddle.

Mission Support Object #2: PPC reviewed the proposed Mission Support Objective 2, and its 3 Action Steps. "Identify and" was added to the beginning of Action Step 2, and the PPC approved the document.

The Youth & Young Adult Jubilee Fund Procedure: The Finance Commission created a document that outlines the procedure for disbursement from the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Jubilee Fund. The PPC reviewed and approved the document.

Welcome Committee: The Welcome Committee presented a proposal to revamp the welcome process at SJCC. The PPC reviewed the proposal and discussed aspects of the proposal they wanted to affirm and others they wanted to challenge. Overall, the PPC thought the document was well done but did worry about where the committee would find volunteers. **Group 1:** Discovering Christ would be an excellent resource for finding volunteers because they have already shown an interest in what SJCC has to offer and they are enthusiastic. They also noted that the welcome packet would need to be reviewed. **Group 2:** Affirmed the idea of welcome ministers, but questioned if the purpose was to welcome people or to accompany them. Entry points would need to be reviewed. The staff responsible would also need to be determined. **Group 3:** The committee would need to be sensitive to parishioners needs and let them dictate the number of meetings. They would also need to find a balance between SJCCs needs and parishioners needs. The training of the Welcome Minister would need to be substantial. **Group 4:** The number of meetings should be condensed and some of the tones throughout the document softened. **Group 5:** The spiritual assessment is something that could encourage volunteers by taking an active interest in parishioners gifts. The follow-up cards are a great idea to keep SJCC top of mind.

Next steps include the Evangelization Committee consolidating the document and bringing it back to parish leadership for approval. They should then work on an experimental roll out.

Announcements: The Executive Team believes that by adding the communication objective to the Parish Plan, involving CACOYA in establishing their budget, approving the Youth Ministry Fund and Procedures document, and having other discussions around the sacraments, the PPC has contributed in an area in which there was a gap. The PPC Bylaws were approved. 19 people will attend the At-Large Discernment Information Night on May 8. Sharon Borcharding is stepping down as Chair of the Service, Justice and Life Commission. Chris Richelderfer is also resigning from being an At-large Member of the PPC. Christy Sommerville thanked them for their contributions to the PPC. Christy also reminded the PPC that volunteers were still needed for the 150 Hours of Adoration. The spring clean-up for the downtown Sykesville Church will be on May 18th. Topics for the June PPC meeting included recommending the budget, commission reports, and recommendations to the pastor about the Mass schedule.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Neville asked that a review of the 150 Jubilee be included in the June agenda so that the 150th committee could offer recommendations to the PPC. Based on the preliminary results of the Mass schedule survey, Fr. Neville believes that option B would be the schedule to move forward with and that it was sustainable for at least the next two years. Fr. Neville asked for a review of the Triduum. The Good Friday Mass, Bulletin, Music, and the youth helping were noted as positive. Negatives included attendance being low and the Vigil was very long, and the way the light from the Paschal candle was distributed was awkward. Finally, Fr. Neville stated that he would appreciate if the Council wrote a letter recognizing Fr. Paul Reich's service to Saint Joseph and send it to the Marianists.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Christy Sommerville.

Attendance: Fr. Neville O'Donohue, S.M., Christy Sommerville, Terry Morse, Laura Bird, Matt Antonishak, Frank Galli, Carole Gauthier, Chris Richelderfer, Joselle Ruddle, Bob Bastress, Bill Jones, Sharon Borcharding, John Pavlick, Nick Pinto, Sue Wilson. Guests: Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Rachel Wandishin, Dave Henson

The next PPC meeting is Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 7 PM in the Tonry Room. Parishioners are welcome to attend and bring comments or concerns during the Open Forum. Email council@saintjoseph.cc