

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - April 3, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Terry Morse.

Mass Schedule: There are several reasons why there is a need to reduce the number of Masses offered each week. Firstly, Fr. Janson is not expected to return to SJCC, and it is unlikely another Marianist priest will be assigned to SJCC. The archdiocese recommends that no priest should say more than three Masses in 24 hours of Sunday. Currently, Fr. John Worgul presides over one Mass, and Fr. Neville presides over the rest unless a substitute is found. Secondly, the attendance at each Mass has been decreasing over the past decade, and we are not utilizing the space appropriately. The current space can hold around 1,000 parishioners, and Mass attendance is nowhere near that number. Carole Gauthier noted that in our Parish Plan we focus on vibrant liturgy; however, it is impossible to create that when the space is only a third full. Finally, there is a need to change the time Religious Education meets so that families do not need to choose whether they attend Mass as a family.

The executive team put forth three suggestions, based on Mass attendance figures, parking and the need to coordinate Religious Ed time, to the greater PPC. Concerns about the options included moving the contemporary Mass so that the music is still offered and the need to ensure there is enough time to clear out the parking lot. The PPC discussed the suggestions and came to a consensus to provide three options to the parish. The PPC will be circulating a survey to parishioners the weekend of April 26th. Parishioners will be asked to select the schedule that fits their needs the best. The results will be analyzed, and the change in the schedule will take effect in July. The times below are subject to change based on the PPC Executive Team meeting on April 17th.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Saturday 5 PM	Saturday 5 PM	Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 8:30 AM
Sunday 10 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Sunday Noon	Sunday 5 PM	

Communication Task Force: Joselle Ruddle has agreed to chair a communication task force to draft actions steps for the parish plan that focus on communication. The task force will present the action step or steps to the Implementation Team and PPC at the May meeting. Joselle asked for volunteers for the task force.

PPC Discernment: At the end of June, four members of the PPC will relinquish their positions according to the PPC bylaws. Nominations for PPC members will take place the weekend of April 6th. Terry Morse will be leading the Discernment committee. The Information Night will take place on May 8th, and Discernment will take place on May 15th.

PPC Bylaws Changes: The Bylaws committee met and came up with some suggested edits to the PPC Bylaws to clarify questions that had come up over the past year. The PPC reviewed the suggestions and approved most of the changes as presented. Two changes were recommended: In article 2, add that commission chairs can vote and in section 4.3 define what a major decision is. The committee will make the necessary changes and circulate back to the PPC.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Neville let the PPC know that Fr. Paul Reich SM was anointed the evening of April 1st and Fr. Ted Cassidy SM went to be with him. Fr. Neville asked for feedback around The Vigil Project. Most thought they were inspirational and spiritual. Several commented that there were more discussion and less music than they were expecting. Fr. Robert Bouffier will be joining Fr. Neville for Holy week, Fr. Dave McGuigan will be at SJCC in May, and Fr. Fitzpatrick will be at SJCC in June and July. Fr. Neville also asked that everyone treat the 150th Gala as a significant evening and celebrate.

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, Carole Gauthier, Catherine Milstead, Chris Richelderfer, Jim Parker, Joselle Ruddle, Robert Muhl, Bob Bastress, Bill Jones, Sharon Borcharding, John Pavlick, Nick Pinto, Sue Wilson. Guests: Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Rachel Wandishin, Kristin Bird