

## SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - December 5, 2018

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Carole Gauthier.

**Commission Reports:** Each commission chair gave an update on their activities in relation to the Action Steps of the Parish Pastoral Plan. **Liturgy Commission, presented by Sue Wilson:** The commission was very pleased with the distribution of the new hymnals. They were disappointed in the communication process between commissions and staff in the creation of the Advent Companion and hope that a clearer channel of communication is created in the future. The commission has presented *It's Good for Us to Be Here* for inclusion in the Christmas Bulletin. Gordon Truitt is producing a website series called "Getting it Rite".

**Service, Justice, and Life, presented by Sharon Borcharding:** The Commission is suggesting 3 recipients of the Fall Sharing Fund. The recipients include The Samaritan Center, Esperanza Center, and Catholic Charities Disaster Relief. The Service and Justice committee are working on the proposal for 3 focuses during the year: Affirmation of Life from Womb to Tomb, Celebrating Differences (racism and immigration), and Human Dignity (Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence). The commission believes SJCC could do a better job informing parishioners of what the Commissions do.

**Evangelization, presented by John Pavlick:** A prayer group was formed from participants of the recently concluded Discovering Christ portion of the Sharing Christ program. They are recording testimonies about how God has influenced their lives for use on the SJCC website and social media. Dave Henson spoke for the Welcome Committee. They are looking at 4 different parishes to identify key elements of their hospitality program. Wesley Freedom, Crosswinds Church, Saint Louis, and Chapelgate Presbyterian. They are still working on their report.

**Finance, presented by Elaine McClearn for Nick Pinto:** The commission has recommended to the Pastor that SJCC should pull money out of the Shipley Endowment and pay down the mortgage for the Faith and Formation Center. The Commission is working on how they will match the donations for the 150th Capital Campaign. The Finance Commission is also working on defining how the amount of money for the youth ministry from the 150th Capital Campaign will be used.

**Facilities, presented by Robert Muhl:** The historic Sykesville Church has had 3 new Mitsubishi Air conditioning units installed, as well as electric service upgraded to 200 amp. The Facilities Commission will also be forming a subcommittee for Safety and Security. Using the Homeland Security template for Safety and Security, they will be completing a walkthrough at both churches and present a report by March 17, 2019.

**Christian Formation, presented by Bill Jones:** CFC is focusing on awareness of resources, to introduce formed.org to religious ed parents, catechists, as well as adult formation, and other commissions throughout SJCC. They are very excited about the addition of the religious ed coordinators. They are hoping to have more engagement with the parents, but efforts thus far have not yielded any results. **PPC Suggestions for the Commission needs:** commission chairs submitting meeting minutes to the group, and a policy and procedures manual or statement of best practices created for the committee chairs.

**Annual Report:** The annual report was circulated; thanks to Mark Wieber.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Tim Kenne, assistant for Religious Life with the Marianists, visited with SJCC. Debbe Mork created an analysis of Sunday Mass attendance over the past 15 years. There are 1,150 fewer families worshipping at Saint Joseph every Sunday than there were in 2003. Projections show attendance will continue to decline. A survey from PPC was disseminated to the parish via email. Results will be utilized by the Staff for planning for FY19-20. There has been an 85% response to the 150th Jubilee Campaign. On January 25th, there will be an Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Music. Reverend Brown from Wesley Freedom will be the preacher.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Fr. Neville O'Donohue.

**Attendance:** Fr. Neville O'Donohue, S.M., Christy Sommerville, Laura Bird, Matt Antonishak, Frank Galli, Carole Gauthier, Catherine Milstead, Josh Thiem, Jim Parker, Joselle Ruddle, Robert Muhl, Bill Jones, Sharon Borcharding, John Pavlick, Sue Wilson. **Guests:** Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Bob Bastress, Mary Conroy, Elaine McClearn, Dave Henson

*The next PPC meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 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](mailto:council@saintjoseph.cc)*