

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - January 2, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Jim Parker.

PPC Checking In Survey Results: Parish Council members reviewed the results of the PPC Survey sent to parishioners on 12/4/18 and 12/12/18. Of the 2,605 emails that were sent the survey, only 105 parishioners responded. After analyzing the results, members of the PPC agreed there were four possible opportunities to improve the Parish Plan:

1. How we outreach to the younger generation
2. Opportunities for building and maintenance of community at SJCC
3. Opportunities within Liturgy
4. Streamlining Parish communications

These four opportunities will be discussed at the upcoming Staff retreat, and then recommendations will be made to the Implementation Committee. Terry Morse requested to hear how the four opportunities resonated with the Implementation Team. Bob Bastress commented that “outreach to the youth” is vital, and although it is addressed in the plan, a review would be appropriate. Liturgy was a theme throughout the survey results, however, there is a concern that the comments are personal preference, and therefore staff input will be beneficial. Communication to parishioners is essential, and the website should be the focus of SJCC’s efforts to improve. Bob also noted that SJCC can, and should, always try to enhance the sense of community within the parish. The Implementation Team is concerned that if we keep adding onto the plan it will become less productive.

Implementation Committee Update: The Implementation Team completed the follow-up meetings with each commission in the fall of 2018 and reviewed the Plan and Action Steps with each Commission. The Implementation Team will now begin assisting the engagement of parishioners in the Plan and Action steps by:

- Posting of the Action Steps on the parish website,
- Displaying the Mission Priority banners with an additional banner that says “Say Yes to Christ’s Mission.”
- Developing the 2019 Lenten Companion for approval,
- Developing approved “word spots” for broadcast on various SJCC communication avenues
- Encouraging the priests to include “Say Yes to Christ’s Mission” in their homilies for four weeks,
- Encouraging Sr. Burns, who is leading the parish retreat, to include “Say Yes to Christ’s Mission” in her presentation.

The timeframe for this proposal includes the weeks leading up to Lent and then into Lent as deemed appropriate by Father Neville and his executive team.

Value 5 in Divine Renovation: Bruce Baumgarten gave a presentation on how SJCC could implement Value 5 from *Divine Renovation* by James Mallon. The PPC will be contemplating the questions over the next month. The questions include how can SJCC be like the television show *Cheers* in which everyone knows your name, does the word community mean the same thing to baby boomers as it does to millennials, and how do you measure meaningful community at SJCC?

Pastor’s Report: Father Neville asked for prayers for Fr. Pat Tonrey who will be having surgery in January. He also asked for prayers for many senior parishioners who are ill. The Capital Campaign has reached 91% of its goal. Fr. Neville asked that the PPC review Christmas Services. Positives included the floral decor, the majority of the homilies, prompts available to attendees, more attendees stayed to the end of mass, and how well the crowds were managed. The negatives included the lighting being too dim, the music was too slow, and the 8:30 homily was slow. There were 400 fewer mass attendees throughout the Christmas services than last year.

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

Attendance: Fr. Neville O’Donohue, S.M., Christy Sommerville, Terry Morse, Laura Bird, Matt Antonishak, Frank Galli, Carole Gauthier, Catherine Milstead, Chris Richelderfer, Josh Thiem, Jim Parker, Joselle Ruddle, Bob Bastress, Bill Jones, Sharon Borcherding, Nick Pinto, Sue Wilson. **Guests:** Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Tim Thimmesch, Bob Keegan

The next PPC meeting is Wednesday, February 6, 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