

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2019

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Terry Morse.

Connecting with Young Adults at SJCC: The Parish Council met with several young adults to gain an understanding of how SJCC is serving their needs. The group split into groups and discussed SJCC's six mission priorities. The Young Adults rated each mission on how effective it is at reaching the demographic and then discussed ways SJCC could improve. **Group 1:** SJCC is doing well with Encounter and Liturgy. Some areas for improvement include the realization that at a certain age Millennials and Gen Z either became all in or depart the church. There is no middle road. To keep the currently engaged youth engaged, we should continue and expand our current programs. Personal invitations would bring in more people to the parish than anything else the church does. It was also noted that the engaged members would be happy to go out and evangelize, but they need more financial support from the parish. **Group 2:** Encounter was well received, but smaller groups in Bible study (5 or 6 people) would encourage more dialogue. A big area for improvement would be how SJCC communicates to parishioners. The three modes of communication that are not effective are the three the parish utilizes the most: the bulletin, website, and email blast. A suggestion was to ask people to sign up for the Instagram account from the pulpit during announcements. Facebook was discouraged. **Group 3:** Communication needs much improvement. Neither of the young adults receives the email blast. There was a concern of how SJCC can balance letting CACOYA and other young adults do their own thing, but then also come back and give them support when they need it. **Group 4:** Welcome is doing well, and the group noted how vital community is, especially for those young adults that are in limbo. The Adoration Chapel is a positive aspect at SJCC, as it is something that other parishes do not have. Improvements include more direct outreach programs, a ministry after mass to pray over people, and if the 5 PM Sunday mass could have more current music. Finally, confirmation prep should be more evangelical. A suggestion was to put everyone in confirmation prep through the Discovering Christ series for the first year. **Group 5:** Welcome was highly rated. Prayer and Worship were all over the board, and it was mentioned that not everyone understands the meaning and process of mass, so explanations to make mass more understandable. Encounter and Sending received a low rating, as people do not know what opportunities are available. The website also received negative feedback, as did new parishioner registration. The overall theme for group 5 was the importance of relationships and reaching out on a personal level. Finally, the group believed Sex abuse scandal should have been addressed more intentionally. The PPC realized that although we think the parish is communicating, the young parishioners are not receiving the message. We are not speaking the same language, and we need to figure out a way to reach that group.

SJCC Campus Review: Ellsworth Jones from the Facilities commission presented the SJCC Campus Review to the PPC. The report is a physical look at the Liberty Road campus only and looked at the current life safety and security practices and then makes recommendations on improvements. The recommendations were not made based on budget, staff or SJCC's mission. Instead, the recommendations were made based on the professional experience of the committee members who wrote the report. Decisions to implement the recommendations will be made by Parish leadership. The committee hopes to have phase 2 of the report, an operational review, to the PPC by the end of 2019.

Pastor's Report: The Capital Campaign has reached 100% of its goal. The staff has continued to look at communication, and Fr. Neville requested that the issue is brought back up at a later PPC meeting. Due to the current availability of priests and deacons at SJCC, Fr. Neville does not believe that SJCC can continue with the current 5 Sunday mass schedule. The PPC will need to discuss how to proceed. Fr. Neville also asked that every member of the PPC sign up to attend the 150th Jubilee Gala.

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, Catherine Milstead, Jim Parker, Joselle Ruddle, Bob Bastress, Bill Jones, Sharon Borcharding, Nick Pinto, Sue Wilson. **Guests:** Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Ellsworth Jones, Patrick Boyd, Shelby Janicki, Maria Milstead, Kevin Lohrmann, Scott Turner, Rachel Wandishin, Joseph Eckert, LeAnn, Rebecca, Michael.

The next PPC meeting is Wednesday, April 3, 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