

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - November 7, 2018

Open Forum: Tony Gioio from the Knights of Columbus made a request of the PPC for assistance with the Lenten Fish Frys. They would like to increase the number of fish frys but do not have the manpower to run them alone. They will need about 20 people for each event. The PPC will discuss and will respond to the Knights in December.

The meeting opened and closed with prayer, led by Terry Morse

Service, Justice and Life Focus Areas: Sharon Borcharding gave a presentation on the current state of the Service, Justice and Life Commission. Since Kathy Reid retired, there has been no staff liaison for the commission. Father Neville had asked the commission to determine a Respect Life proposal of topics for the year. The commission would like the Committee for Justice and Life to determine their own topics for the year. Sharon asked the PPC if members had any suggestions. Bill Jones suggested the Opioid Crisis.

Father Neville then moved the discussion to that he hopes the Service Justice and Life commission will be relational when it can be. Saint Joseph needs to have a refreshed framework for Service Justice and Life, and a staff liaison shouldn't be assigned until that framework is determined. Karen Spivey noted that anything that SJCC does can be relational if it is approached with a relational component in mind. Bruce Baumgarten also mentioned that the framework should be a conceptual framework vs active framework. He noted that the US Bishops use a model called "2 Feet of Christian Love." In this model, one foot is Christian service, and the other foot is action on behalf of justice. You will need both feet to stay level and not fall over.

Implementation Committee: The Implementation Committee has created a plan to engage parishioners. The first step was publishing the plan on the Saint Joseph website in an attractive manner. The second was to start broadcasting the plan in the Lenton Companion. They also felt that a catchphrase would be necessary to help people connect with the plan. The committee came up with "Say Yes to Christ's Mission" which is a play on Saint Joseph's vision statement. Some of the staff felt that the catchphrase was replacing the vision statement, however, the majority of the PPC felt it was not.

Value 7: PPC discussed how we are doing as a community to have a strength-based ministry. Jim Parker mentioned that when looking at the PPC's strengths, most members were in the same domain. Bill Jones cautioned to not get caught up in the hierarchy of the strengths, what is more important is that people are utilizing their strengths in most of what they are doing. Saint Joseph tends to dictate volunteers where they need help, i.e. placing people as catechists who may not have strength in teaching. Gwen Lily mentioned that most parishioners might not know where their strengths lie. Bruce Baumgarten commented that the idea of a coordinator of volunteers might be a solution worth considering in the future.

Pastor's Report: 280 households were invited to participate in the Jubilee Capital Campaign. Of the \$500,000 goal, over 68% has been pledged. Due to this, Fr. Neville has decided not to ask the parish at large to pledge towards the campaign, but rather that they consider increasing their offertory in honor of the Jubilee. The original 280 households will not be sent the letter asking to increase their offertory. Fr. Neville was also accused of not being transparent regarding the Capital Campaign, but when checked, the campaign was discussed in the bulletin several times, as well as the email blast and the Pastor announcement this past October. Archbishop Lori will be making an announcement regarding the Pennsylvania abuse report on the 18th of November. Saint Joseph will be broadcasting his message on the first week of December. The video will be made available on the website on the 18th of November.

Attendance: Fr. Neville O'Donohue, S.M., Christy Sommerville, Terry Morse, Laura Bird, Matt Antonishak, Carole Gauthier, Catherine Milstead, Chris Richelderfer, Josh Thiem, Jim Parker, Joselle Ruddle, Robert Muhl, Bill Jones, John Pavlic, Sharon Borcharding, Nick Pinto

Guests: Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Bob Bastress, Chris Patrick, Gwen Lilly, Kathy Reid, Tony Gioio