

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - September 5, 2018

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

Responsibilities of PPC: PPM members discussed their roles and responsibilities and agreed that the top responsibilities are being a consultative body to the pastor, reviewing and recommending the budget, and identifying gifts of the community members.

Validation of SJCC Mission and Vision: The Mission and Vision statement was read by Christy Sommerville, and PPC agreed with their continued use with the Parish Plan.

FY2019 Overview: PPC members will be having a team-building retreat in October with an objective of building synergy among members. It will be facilitated by Molly Fern from the Baltimore Archdiocese. Opening prayers will now utilize the Lectio Divina method, and Terry Morse has agreed to lead the prayer for the year. Going forward PPC meetings will also begin with a recap of the previous meeting as well as updates on action items. Commission reports will be moved to twice a year instead of a recap at each meeting. Over the course of the year, PPC will discuss the 10 Common Values in Chapter 5 of Divine Renovation.

Approval of Action Steps: Bob Bastress presented a recap since the creation of the Implementation Team. Since the June PPC meeting, the team has made revisions based on Council Input. They were then reviewed by Fr. Neville, Karen Spivey, and Bruce Baumgarten, and then reviewed by SJCC staff. During the discussion, Fr. Neville requested an update on the facilities review. The facilities commission will send out the review to the PPC before the October meeting. PPC voted to recommend the action steps to Fr. Neville, and they will be reviewed in October of 2019.

Impact of Recent Revelation of Sex Abuse on the Parish Community: Christy Sommerville led a discussion to gauge the overall feeling of PPC and parish reaction to the latest clergy sex abuse crisis. Fr. Neville gave a recap of Saint Joseph's efforts. He also announced that SJCC will be asking people to write in via an anonymous website how they are feeling so we can better gauge what needs to be done to support the community. Comments will only be read by Fr. Neville and the corporators. Based on feedback, a plan of action will be formulated.

Pastor's Report: The pastor's report was not given at the PPC meeting but was emailed to the PPC on September 6th.

- SJCC is undertaking a small capital campaign this Fall to raise \$500,000 with a \$250,000 match for a total of \$750,000. Connecting the campaign to the story of our Jubilee celebration, the funds will be used for the historic Sykesville church (Remember), the current worship space (Celebrate) and Youth Ministry (Dream). The campaign will start with one-on-one visits from Fr. Neville to a few potential donors. Other parishioners will be invited to receptions on October 10th and October 24th. An in-pew process is scheduled to take place in November. Please pray for the success of this event.
- Three part-time staff were hired in the Religious Education Area. See last Sunday's Bulletin. Yesterday I was informed that those for First Eucharist in May 19 is currently on two-thirds of the number of two years ago.
- For the coming year, the entire staff will meet once a month, not twice as previously. Furthermore, a two-day planning process for staff for the year 2019/20 will be held next January thereby influencing more directly the Budgeting Process.
- Please actively promote the Parish Mission which will be held at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th of September.

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, Robert Muhl, Sharon Borcharding, Sue Wilson, Nick Pinto

Guests: Karen Spivey, Bruce Baumgarten, Bob Bastress

The next PPC meeting is Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 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