

SJCC Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2022

Open Forum: Rose Frederick has concerns of how the Synod went and she found questions from a diocese in South Carolina. She would like to suggest that we put these questions in the bulletin to seek feedback from all parishioners. The PPC executive team will discuss at their next meeting.

Ernie led the opening prayer.

Sub-Committee Report and Discussion: The sub-committee on formation at SJCC has added recommendations for young adults and adults, as well as recommendations for the formation of leaders. Fr. John acknowledged that he is asking the staff to draft job descriptions describing their current duties and suggested that those could then be compared against the recommendations in this report. A motion to accept the final report was made by Ernie, seconded by Bob, and the vote was unanimous to accept the report and submit to Fr. John. The plan is to add the report to the website after sharing with the staff. We will also send the report to the Archdiocese Emmaus team.

Prioritizing Parish Activities: A few months ago, an initiative to prioritize parish activities was brought up. Terry kindly put together some criteria that could be used to help prioritize the activities. Much discussion ensued about the criteria, the initiative itself, and questions arose as to what we would do with the results. It would be nice to use the results to determine future funding and resource allocation. While not quite at consensus, it seemed that the conversation was leaning towards allowing the Mission Council to take this initiative on and allow them to have the authority to decide how to implement the exercise. More discussion is needed and will be tabled for the next PPC meeting.

Discussion on *Forming Intentional Disciples*: Margaret led our discussion on chapters 7-9. We discussed a moment we personally entered the threshold of openness, how to encourage and push people, if necessary, into the seeking threshold, and our own threshold conversations.

Pastor's Report: Fr. John reported that the Archbishop has signed off on the stain glass windows, switching out the tabernacles, and moving the relic in the altar in storage to the altar in the sanctuary. We will need to raise the funds for the windows in coming weeks. Fr. John brought attention to his Pastoral Letters where he has been covering all the upcoming changes to the Liturgical space. As a follow-up to recent conversations, FOCUS Missionaries are searching for missionaries that they can send to SJCC and we will be able to determine if they are a best fit here. Finally, the feedback on the new worship aides has been overall positive.

Mission Council Report: Ministry budget requests for 22-23 are due to their staff representative, who will submit to Lauren Glass by April 25. Ministry event calendar date proposals for 22-23 are due to their staff representative, who will submit to Cathy Nusbaum by May 1. The Mission Council has determined to name the 22-23 ministry year as the Year of the Holy Family at SJCC. As such, three major parish events have been planned: a Parish Block Party on September 17, 2022; Breakfast with St. Nick on December 3, 2022; and a St. Joseph's Day Celebration on the weekend of May 6-7, 2023.

Roundtable Discussion: Regarding the new member discernment process, this will be happening as scheduled in May. Two new members will be added. Rachel Wandishin's three-year term is up at the end of this ministry year. Cathy Nusbaum has created name tag samples for staff and ministry leaders. Some concerns about the size of the SJCC logo were expressed and a decision would need to be made for what to do with people who have multiple positions. PPC members liked the inclusion of the roles. Many thanks to Cathy for putting these samples together! The PPC will be serving coffee and donuts on April 24. The Finance Committee will present the budget to the PPC at the June meeting. Ernie requested parish leadership consider creating an updated parish photo directory. The last directory was completed close to 15 years ago. Rachel requested the PPC get excited for Holy Week as a lot of hard work has gone into planning the liturgies.

The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm in the Tonry Room. All are welcome.

Attendance: Bob Geldmacher, Terry Morse, Margaret Patrick, Mark Steinbrunner, Ernie Tucker, Rachel Wandishin, Fr. John Worgul, and guests Rose Frederick, Tony Gioio, Gwen Lilly, Chris Patrick.