

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, July 20, 2023

Welcome and Open Forum:

Fr. Patrick McCain attended the meeting. Fr. John invited the attendees to introduce themselves to Fr. Patrick.

There were no other announcements by PPC members.

Faith Sharing:

Terry read the Gospel for Sunday, July 23, 2023 (Matthew 13:24-43). Several PPC members contributed to the faith sharing.

Agenda:

- Presentation of the FY24 proposed budget and PPC recommendation to the Pastor.
- New member training.
- Planned retreat for PPC members at Jane Miller's home.

Proposed FY24 Budget Presentation

Nick Nutting, Finance Commission Chairman, gave the presentation. Detailed data on income and expenses were compiled by Lauren Glass, Director of Finance and Business Administration, who also participated in the presentation. PPC members were provided a detailed spreadsheet containing income and expenses for the FY24 proposed budget and FY23 final budget.

Nick provided background on the development of the FY24 proposed budget and reported that the Finance Commission unanimously approved the budget. Nick then gave his presentation on key highlights and decisions reflected in the proposed budget. In summary:

- Anticipated FY24 offertory remains flat at the FY23 actual level (\$1,471,700).
- Ministries are fully funded at a level each agreed to; although ministries were asked to cut expenses twice during the budget formulation process.
- Key personnel decisions: not fill the Office Coordinator position and not immediately fill the Director of Evangelization position.
- Structural reinforcement of the columns on the south side of the church could cost as much as \$500,000. A structural reinforcement fundraising campaign is planned and included in the FY24 budget.
- Although the proposed FY24 budget projects a net operating loss (NOL) of \$196,006, SJCC has budgeted a NOL for seven consecutive years and each year did not end with the projected loss; including three of seven years with a net operating income.

PPC members and the Corporators asked many detailed questions during the presentation. Following the questions and answers, a motion was made by Minta Davis and seconded by Kathy Reid to recommend acceptance of the budget by the Pastor. All of the PPC members present at the meeting voted for the Pastor to accept the budget as presented.

New Member Training

Terry asked who would be interested in participating in new member training (approximately one hour). Minta, Kathy, and Ernie indicated they would be interested. Terry will follow-up with those who are interested.

PPC Retreat at Jane Miller's Home

Jane provided several dates for a retreat at her home. The retreat will foster spiritual enrichment and fellowship. The principal options were for a Wednesday evening in August (possibly August 16, 23 or 30).

Open Forum:

Fr. John shared a draft booklet containing the "Letters from the Heart of a Loving Father" series that the PPC has been reviewing over the past year. Fr. John emphasized that this is not the final product, but that which he shared with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He asked all the PPC to review the booklet; and particularly the last few letters. These will not be pastoral letters published in the bulletin. The current plan is to release a new letter on the web site each week and then have a group meeting with a moderator on the subsequent Thursday evening to discuss the letter. Fr. John is also working on a "going deeper" section for the web site that will explain the theology behind each letter.

Terry re-emphasized with the PPC that the booklet is a draft and not to be circulated.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. John led the closing prayer.

Attendance:

PPC Members: Fr. John Worgul, Terry Morse, Minta Davis, Jane Miller, Kathy Reid, Mark Steinbrunner, Ernie Tucker

Corporators: Gwen Lilly, Chris Patrick

Finance Commission: Nick Nutting

Staff: Lauren Glass

Guest: Fr. Patrick McCain