

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting December 13, 2021

Attendees: Nancy Delac, Dave Hildebrand, Father Joe Mamich, Tony Manning, Bob Mathas, Jude Siefker, Peggy Slavik, Matt Tortorici, Thomas Uthup, Alex Tomlinson and Greg Savel.

Guests: Patsy Brodie

Excused: Nancy Piatak, Jodi Januszewski and Jason Pokorny

Called to Order: Nancy Delac called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved. Jude Siefker made the motion, seconded by Dave Hildebrand.

Commission Report:

- Patsy Brodie with Social Concerns
 - Reformation project about 2 years ago – gathered people to recharge the commission. Looking for 2 people to lead the commission again
 - the commission has been meeting 3-4 times a year – virtual meetings through Covid
 - Meetings were about learning, activities and what the commissions do
 - The topic of Mission of Hope money was brought up and its status. It is in the bank.
 - Fr. Joe said that St. Joe's is good with charitable outreach
 - 20 people expressed interest about forming a group
 - 14-15 people got together for a meeting the first week of December and talked about the diversity of learning and come from all knowledge levels
 - The idea is to learn together and develop a goal for the group
 - A possible goal - building a foundation
 - An idea was tossed out to look at the catechism, Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching, Sacraments and Social Mission – possibly subsidizing books for people to purchase
 - The idea was discussed that social issues are not just about others; they are also about us and how to help our own families in our parish
 - It was asked to help to see if certain books are good. In particular, Catholic Social Teaching by Mark Brumly.
 - It was talked about how different perspectives are all a part of our church
 - It was said that we need each other, friends, especially during the pandemic and how to make that felt
 - Possibility of adding portions of the Sacraments and Social Mission by Ave Maria Press pages into the bulletin
 - Thank you to Patsy for spear heading Social Concerns Commission
- We have heard from Social Concerns, Community Life,
 - Community Life is scheduled to meet after the New Year
- Liturgy Commission
 - Shortage of servers –
 - Talked about family servers and adult servers
 - On board with only having 2 masses, 8am and 10/11am
 - Need more ushers
 - Starting January and through Easter we are going back to having donation boxes at the doors instead of passing around the baskets
- Youth and Spiritual
 - Linda said she would be in touch about coming to the PPC in April

- Youth group is doing well
 - There are 15- faith mentors – Seniors paired up with confirmandi and freshman
 - January 8th going to John Carroll
- Goal was to bridge the school and the church
- Vacation Bible School had a fundraiser for the Lymphoma Society that raised \$600.
- PSR is going well and there is a new group of catechist and teachers
- Special needs classes have been going well. There was a party thrown on 12/13.
 - Other parishes have been reaching out for help
- Spiritual Life
 - Met after 1 year. Last meeting Jan 2020
 - Adoration was still steady – even during Covid
 - Not So Silent Family Hour – Is that still happening? – Fr. Joe's response was: Yes, that can happen
 - It was discussed that there was low participation in meetings – Meetings are for anyone, not just commission heads
 - It was discussed to put in bulletin a message about a town hall style meeting to get new participation – would only be for a single meeting with no further requirements

Follow-up from October Meeting

- None

Heart of a Shepherd Campaign Update

- Fr. Joe said - Thank you for participating
- \$120K over our goal
 - All the money goes to the endowment

Synod 2023

- At parishes throughout the world are to participate in listening sessions
- Session are to be held on - Sunday January 23 from 1-3pm, Monday January 24 from 7-9pm
- No PPC meeting will be held February so that PPC members can go to this meeting
- It was asked if anyone was interested in being a table leader or recorder. If you are, email Fr. Joe with the date that you would be willing to do so.
- The event will possibly be in the Holy Family Center

Pastor's Remarks

- Finances
 - This past weekend (12/11-12/12), collections were over \$40,000.00
 - \$12,000 surplus for the year
 - Overall collection is \$35,000.00 better than budget
 - 60% of parishioners use Faith Direct now as of 12/13/202
 - As of Oct 31st –
 - Offertory was \$15,920 better than budget
 - Maintenance & Repair was \$368
 - Surplus was \$75,304
 - Plan on 10% increase in healthcare cost
 - Property and casualty insurance are expected to go up
- Fr. Joe said that he appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers

Open Forum

- Keeping the Faith Listening Session – was attended by the Head of PPC and the Finance Council

- Nancy attended meeting
- The meeting is open to everyone in January
- The topic was about the Catholic Schools
- Expectations: 1) forming missionary disciples 2) responsibility of entire diocese 3) lead with zeal and without fear 4) we are all a part of one body of Christ
 - The overall goal is not to close or merge schools
- This meeting was about themes and ideas and they are trying to put concrete ideas together
- It was said that last year and this year's Catholic school enrollment has gone up
- Every parish will be associated with a school
- Create an overall governance model to be used by parishes/schools.
- Total cost of 1 child to attend SJJ is \$5,300, parents pay \$3,500
 - Over 4 years SJJ has lost attendance of 140 children with 90 going to public school
- It was asked if there was a safety plan for the church
 - There is actually a safety team member at every mass
 - Roughly around a dozen retired and active-duty officers are parishioners
- Discussed Fr. Bob McWilliams case and his guilty verdict

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022

(No February meeting due to Synod activities)