

Parish Pastoral Council
Date: 12 September, 2018

Present: Fr. Rob, Bob Boyer, Mike Balog, Darryl Lazar, Jenna Taylor, Fran Peed, Mary Humphrey, Mary Ann Hazko, Martha Schwegler, Maria Bair, Joanmarie Kulinka, Jenny Scharf, Diane Westbrook

Absent: None

Old Business: Review of May Minutes and process for reviewing and approving to include review and approval of all proposals for new parish ministries.

- Proposal to initiate a once a month Mass for grieving SJA parishioners still being worked. Will be initiated by Fr Rob after several additional issues are finished being addressed.
- Catholic Charities of Eastern VA provides focused grief counseling and may have a still TBD role in SJA initiative.

New Business:

- Bob began with a scripture reading and passing out a holy card with prayer for all PPC members.
- Presentation by Bob of Parish Council name tags to be worn by PPC members at Mass and all parish related events so parishioners can easily identify PPC representatives and engage as necessary.
- Roundtable reintroduction of members and their ministry responsibilities. Additional discussion regarding PPC responsibilities included assessing how ministries are performing, identifying unmet needs, and ensuring ministries are open to new members seeking to volunteer their time and talent. PPC members are expected to contact each of seventy-seven assigned ministry to make an introduction, offer support, identify potential synergies with other ministries and assess performance.
- Retreat: Will be held in conjunction with the SJA School Board. Candidate dates will be coordinated to identify best suitable.
- New ministries: Prior to approval, they must secure PPC support based on sustainability, are logistically supportable, and non-duplicative of both internal and boundary parish efforts.
- School: Enrollment is up to nearly 400 students and with that increase comes new and greater expenses.

Pastor's Comments:

- The Church provides substantial financial support to the SJA School. Anyone who may cut contributions to the Church in response to issues does more to hurt local parish support for the school and outreach ministries than upper echelons of Church leadership.
- The Church's gift shop provides all revenue for church and school, such as the Activity Room chairs.
- 17 September Listening Session: Fr Rob will hold a question and answer session for parishioners with concerns about the on-going sexual abuse crisis affecting the leadership of the Church including bishops, cardinals, and the Pope. Father requested PPC attendance and support.
- Parish Picnic: Wants it to be well attended and views it as an opportunity to have lots of fun and enjoy the friendship and company of our fellow parishioners. Strong PPC support and attendance is desired.
- Youth Minister: Vetting process underway.
- RCIA class: Is the largest ever.
- Construction: Preliminary plans were reviewed by the PPC. Consensus was very supportive and enthusiastic.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm with a prayer.

Next meeting: 10 Oct 2018

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Michael Balog