

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

**Date:** Wednesday October 10, 2018

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

**Absent:** Fran Peed

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Bob Boyer.  
Prayer lead by Martha Schwegler

### **Old Business:**

**-Minutes:** The minutes from the September 12th, 2018 meeting were accepted.

**-Parish Picnic:** there was a light turnout. Those who did attend had a good time. It needs to be discerned if the parish wants to continue this event, was it lack of interest or the time of the year. There was a negative cost to the parish. The hurricane and the Air Show may have influenced the attendance. Shelters must be booked around December. Possible reduction in shelters; possible change of venue. Must decide by December, January the latest. Plan: brainstorm, issue will be on November agenda.

**-Time & Talent:** Occurred the same weekend as the picnic. There were sign up for some of the ministries but all do not respond when contacted. Two suggestions brought to Council members were that each ministry should have its own table and that people are not hearing it from the pulpit. Father did address the Time & Talent weekend during his homily. There are 77 ministries therefore not enough room for each ministry to have its own table. Items discussed: how to get the word out, people do not always know what is involved in the ministry (this information is on the SJA website), ministry spotlights in the bulletin (this is done; highlight information is written by the ministry lead not Carole), possible reformat to groupings rather than individual ministries. Plan: will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**-Listening Session:** There was a good response. One feedback to a council member was that Father Rob address this issue at Mass. Father Rob states that the Mass is to declare the Good News. The only people allowed to be address the congregation during mass are Diocese mandated. A militant mentality is not what Christ was about. Jesus met the sinner. We can be furious but we need to remember that SJA cannot solve all the problems. Unfortunately, Mass attendance is down. The decrease in donations here at SJA affects our outreach to our own parishioners. We are already more than \$50,000 below budget for the fiscal year.

### **Ministry Updates**

-No major issues with individual ministries were reported

-Outreach is very busy at the beginning of the month.

-Because of the opening of the City Shelter SJA will not be hosting families at SJA this coming summer. Will continue with feeding the homeless at Judeo-Christian Center.

-March for Life will be held January 18th, 2019.

### **School Board Liaison Report**

-The number of students has increased this year.

-School year 2017-2018 there were 343 students; School year 2018-2019 there are 393.

The theme for the year is: Praising.

There is a very positive outlook for the school year.

### **New Business:**

**-Ministry Social:** date to be determined. Availability of the Conference rooms to be checked with Carole Romanini.

**-Parish Council Retreat:** our recommended dates were sent to Ms. Cotton. Possible date November 8, 2018. Awaiting response.

**-Parish Council meeting dates:** Discussed meeting dates for Jan-May 2019  
Dates selected: January 9th; February 13th; March 13th; April 16th (Tuesday); May 8th.

### **Pastor's Comments**

#### **Live Presentation by VOMO.org**

-Live presentation conducted by Joel who gave his background.

-This is an organization that helps to engage volunteers. It is evangelical not Catholic. Have been in business for 10 years. They market to churches and universities. Platform built 3 1/2 years ago. Some Catholic Churches use it, Fr. Rob wants to get feedback from them. It requires that people have smartphones.

-VOMO goals: increase volunteer efforts; to mobilize men and women to be the hands and feet of Jesus; and save time for church staff in organizing volunteers.

-VOMO walkthrough: volunteering simplified; activate volunteers easily based on needs; various reporting tools; can double volunteerism by being a one-stop shop for volunteer needs and using 3-click signups; being a resource to increase outreach which can increase the impact on the community.

-Works through an APP (therefore needs smartphone); the "Volunteer Hub" can be customized for SJA specifically.

-Parishioners would need to signup through the APP to access information for need for volunteers. It can integrate with Social Media tools.

-Explanation/Video presentation of APP interface; all digital access; adman tools for managing.

**Question and Answer** period followed with Joel on topics such as:

-Who controls the site: you control everything on your own channel.

-Cost: based on size. Upfront about pricing. Month to month fee/approximately \$349 for SJA;

30 day free trial; no contracts.

-Admin tools: "Dashboard" with reports/feedback about breakdown of volunteer information; "Volunteer resumes" allows tracking of volunteer hours and type of volunteering done (can earn points/rewards for volunteering as a motivational/fun factor); "Project creation tools".

-Admin time required: Concierge on their team works with organizers to set up site, it usually takes a week. Support is distance not on-site.

-Firewall protections: closed system; invite only; Amazon cloud. Name, e-mail, DOB, and phone number are the only information asked of volunteers. Only the particular

head of Ministry or administrator can see volunteer resumes for that particular ministry.

-Geo-location information is not used. There is an approval process prior to giving location of events.

-New Ministries: The organizer of the new ministry will need administrator rights then they can see the Admin Dashboard. Organizer information can be changed at any time.

-VOMO can be linked onto our SJA website. It also integrates into third-party apps.

After the live presentation concluded, discussion among council members occurred which included:

-Pros and cons of involvement

-Keeping info up-to-date

-What would be needed to get the word out

-This is a paradigm shift for a Catholic Church

-Large learning curve for heads of ministry and parishioners

-What about volunteers with no mobile devices or limited tech ability

-There are about 77 ministries; would heads be able to keep up their information online.

-Possibility of not starting with all 77 ministries. A lot of admin work upfront, using most of the 30-day free trial. May feel committed after all the effort.

-Fr. Rob will be sent a list of Catholic Churches that are using the program. He will then contact those Pastors to get their feedback.

Conclusion: no action will be taken until matter is discussed further.

Meeting closed with prayer and blessing by Fr. Rob at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: November 14, 2018

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mary Ellen Roemer