

Parish Pastoral Council

Date: March 13, 2019

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

Absent: Bob Boyer, Fran Peed, Jenny Scharf

The meeting was opened by Mike Balog, Co-Chair, at 6pm.

Scripture and prayer were led by Maria Bair.

Joanmarie Kulinka volunteered to lead the scripture and prayer at the April 16th meeting.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted. They will be forwarded to Colleen Fickel for posting on the SJA Website.

Old Business:

-Feedback on Church Women United: Joyce Leotta received the Council's letter; further explanation and discussion of the matter was provided by Bob Boyer.

-Budget Inputs: There are still some shortfalls in the inputs. Contacting ministry leads seems to be an issue. This will be discussed further at a future date.

Ministry Updates:

-Bulletin inputs will be done as available. Council members will try to work with their ministry leads to write up the inserts for the Bulletin.

-Denny Sullivan suggested recognizing volunteers with a social event. This will be discussed further at a future date.

New Business:

-Planning for the Discernment Weekend. Plans are in motion.

Nominations will be the 2nd and 3rd weekends in May.

Discernment date: Friday June 7th from 6-7pm for greeting and explaining duties of Council members to nominees. Saturday June 8th 9-12 am for the actual discernment.

Need to contact Carole about opening and closing the building on those dates.

Mike Balog gave an overview of how the discernment process will be conducted. Discussed the need to limit candidates to around 12 so that all the candidates can rotate properly between tables.

-April's meeting will include elections to choose a Co-Chair and Convener for the year 2019-2020.

Pastor's Comments:

-Discernment Weekend: Recruitment for nominees needs to be addressed. Nominees need to be in full communion in the church and have the good of the Parish as a whole as their goal. Personal invitation to discern is key. The parish community needs to come together. The Council is an impartial advisory to Father Rob therefore he will again refrain from having input in the nominations.

-Annual Diocesan Appeal: Fr. Rob gave a big input on the mission of the appeal at all the Sunday masses the previous weekend. Asked for any feedback. Maria Bair stated there was a CHRP meeting soon after and the discussion happened to be on generosity which they all felt tied in with the Appeal.

Mike stated he felt it was important to inform parishioners that the Appeal does not just benefit the Diocese. It was thought that Father had done that well during his presentation at the masses. Father stated that one weekend is dedicated to presenting the Appeal at length. He does not want to infringe on the time for the homily. The Appeal brochures will be readily available at the Welcome Desk in the Commons and at the Church office.

-The request to increase the amount of donuts for the Deacon and Donut Weekend will be considered after Lent.

-Priest Deanery Meeting:

The sex abuse crises and the release of names was discussed at the meeting. There has been no surprise or negative feedback expressed by SJA parishioners as of this time.

-The Philippine devotion of Simbang Gabi has been hosted by SJA in the past. It is a nine-day devotion. There are nine parishes in the deanery. It was agreed that each parish would host one of the nights. The event takes place in December. SJA will again participate.

-Full-Time Youth Minister: There are three candidates to be interviewed for this position over the next two weeks. Julia Manthey has done a phenomenal job keeping the program going even though she is only part time.

-Confirmation will be March 30th with Bishop Knestout in attendance. St. Luke's and Holy Apostle will join SJA. There are 98 candidates total of which 79 are from SJA. Father Rob and John Domingo did the preparatory sessions. There was a very positive response to the sessions. Some candidates said they did not want the sessions to end.

-RCIA Rite of Election: SJA has a lot of adults in the program. Other parishes have more children than adults. This is a testament to the spirit of the parish.

-Council members need to prod ministry heads to write a blurb for the Bulletin. It is usually better to keep it short and sweet and have a good tag line to draw attention.

-Father Rob stated that the Council needs to think 5-10 years down the road and not just to maintain the status quo. It is important that people see the Parish is moving forward. Long term plans include the Parish Hall. The plans are being finalized to present to the City Council. It will move forward after the debt is paid off. The debt is now below \$700,000. There is also money set aside towards the Parish Hall but not the total amount. The other plan is for a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. There is one at St. Matthew's but it is on the other side of the city and therefore should not impose upon them. Maria Bair stated that there must be an increase in spiritual hunger in order to support a 24 hour adoration chapel. Younger families have difficulty attending some of the Adult Formation classes because of schedules. This will be looked into at a future date.

Martha Schwegler asked Father Rob if he had seen the property for sale on London Bridge Road at the site of the former Garden Center as a possible site for extra spaces for pre-school. Father Rob stated he was aware of the property but that is too far away from the main campus and there are too many issues to be able to provide adequate security. It is important to maintain a closeness with the main student body. The goal is to make each and every child feel special, to be known by their name and feel secure,

and to foster our Catholic identity. Father stated that once the addition can be added onto the school there will be no need for an additional off-site building.

Meeting closed with prayer and blessing by Fr. Rob at 6:56 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (Note day change from Wednesday)

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mary Ellen Roemer