

Parish Pastoral Council

Date: May 8, 2019

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

Absent: Bob Boyer, Fran Peed

Meeting Opened: at 6 pm by Mike Balog, Vice-Chairperson
Scripture and prayer were led by Jenny Scharf.

Minutes: The April Minutes were accepted. They will be forwarded to Colleen Fickel for posting on the SJA website.

Old Business:

-Nominating Weekends: Sign-up sheet passed for manning nominating table in the Commons before and after all the Masses during the two weekends for collecting nominations. Set up will be done before the 5 pm Mass on Saturday and dismantled after the 11 am Mass on Sunday. Sign and easel located in storage closet. Arrangements made for ballot box and ballots to be given to Fr. Rob after the 11 am Mass. Carole Romanini, Office Manager, will do initial vetting of nominees. Nominees must be a Catholic in good standing (following basic Catholic identity), and a member of the Parish. Letters will then be mailed to invite nominees to participate in the discernment process.

-Discernment Weekend: Seating arrangement and rotations discussed to maximize being able to meet and speak to all the nominees. Questions to be presented to the nominees were reviewed. Council acknowledged the importance of keeping this process in prayer to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit in determining the best candidates.

Friday June 7th: set-up will begin at 5:30 pm. Welcome will begin at 6 pm. Introduction of current PPC members and candidates, name tags and sign-in sheets, slides discussing the role of the Parish Pastoral Council, and light refreshments are on the agenda.

Saturday June 8th: Set-up will begin at 8:30 am. Discernment will begin at 9 am with light refreshments, for those nominees who have chosen to participate, followed by table assignments, rotation and questioning. Voting will include Council members and nominees. Discussion took place on how nominees will be notified of results.

Diane Westbrook, Convener, will make arrangements for opening of the building.

Ministry Updates:

-Donut Ministry: the amount of donuts was recently increased by 10 dozen. Fran Peed reported that all the donuts went as there is a very positive response to Dunkin' Donuts. Fr. Rob reported that financially there is a deficit between donations and the cost of the donuts. The ideal would be to break even. Fr. Rob stressed that this is a ministry and the main goal is not to make money but to encourage parishioners to stay after Mass and build community.

New Business:

-SJA 30th Anniversary Celebration. Everyone is excited and enthusiastic about the upcoming celebration on May 30th. A slide show is being worked on for the event attempting to sequence in a timeline. Thumb drive will play on the TV monitor in the Commons. A written history is done.

-PPC Annual Retreat: Mike Balog spoke with Deacon Chris Finocchio about leading the retreat. Tentative date is August 22, 2019. Mike will contact Ms. Cotton about the date to check if this would be convenient for the teachers also.

-Plan for future meetings: coordinated with Fr. Rob. September 11th, October 9th, and November 13th chosen (all Wednesdays). Diane Westbrook, Convener, to arrange location with Jackie Grasman in the school Office.

Pastor's Comments:

-30th Anniversary: Jeri Kislw and the social committee will arrange the food to be available after the Mass. Bobbie Vinsand, from the Gift Shop, to get 1000 momento cards made to distribute that night. The Parish has an archive room that is fire-proof. All the present files are stored there. Attempting to keep all information organized and up to date.

-The new US Postmaster of Virginia is being installed on 5/9. Joseph Croci is from New York and requested a Catholic invocation. Fr. Rob will travel to the Aviation Museum and do the invocation.

-On June 11th SJA will be hosting a concert by The St. John's Boys' Choir from Minnesota, who are touring. 23 host families are needed to host the boys, ages 12-15. They will arrive June 10th, concert June 11th, they will depart June 12th. Request for host families will be in the bulletin and Fr. Rob requests that PPC members get the word out. The plan is to eventually have a boys' choir here at SJA.

-There will be 2 seminarians coming for the summer. There will be one seminarian coming in August who will stay for a year. Their identities are not yet known.

-Thanks expressed to Bob Boyer, Darryl Lazar, Jenna Taylor, and Fran Peed for their service to the Parish the past three years as Council members.

Meeting closed with prayer and blessing by Fr. Rob at 6:58 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 11, 2019.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mary Ellen Roemer