

Spring 2019 PAC Meeting Minutes 05.14.2019

Present: Bryant Crane, Pat DeMars, Kerri DiMonte, Kelly Eikum, Mike Francis, Lisa Geneser, Ed Giles, Ann Gornik, Diane Harken, Jenny Hounihan, Diana Januska, Heidi Kotynek, Larry Krema, Bill Mear, Jen Smykowski, Terry Stadler, Jim Strafaci, Beth White, Dave Zich, Janet Caschetta, Katheleen Gorman, MJ Martin, Katie Nicholson, Marc Reszel, Elizabeth Russell-Jones, Bill Vollmer, Steve Weigand, Collette Doyle, Topher Fryzel

Absent: John Cisek, Kathie McReynolds, Dan Montgomery, Randy White, Bill Bright, Peter Galek, Jessica Koch, John Schopp, Rich Voytas

The following items were discussed at the Spring PAC Meeting:

1. Questions and suggestions from the pre-reads included:
 - a. Half of new members are aged 22-37 (millennials). What do they want from SJC? How can we get them involved? Members thought archdiocesan programs such as Theology on Tap and other Happy Hour Speakers would not be interesting to this age group. It was suggested that the Men's and Women's Clubs team up to have a social event.
 - b. It was suggested that VBS be moved to later in the summer so that more volunteers could help. Scheduling VBS right after the Fest and Garage Sale makes it harder for volunteers to commit their time.
 - c. Announcements at the end of Sunday Mass have not gone away. It is not the role of the priest/presider to make announcements. They should be made by a deacon or someone from the ministry/group involved. Announcements are made from the cantor stand. The ambo is reserved for the reading of scripture.
 - d. The deanery reps reported that they are not having any meetings with the dean.
2. Marc reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Listening Session with the Cardinal. Members discussed how they would communicate their learning from the session to others in our parish. It was decided that attendees from our parish would meet 2 weeks after the session to discuss their learning and possible next steps. It will also be discussed at the fall PAC meeting. Members questions/comments included:
 - a. Will this session meet the needs of our parish? What are the needs of our parish?
 - b. Why is attendance limited? It seems like this is a secret meeting. It is not public.
 - c. Are all parish groups/ministries represented at this session?
 - d. Should council members collect questions in advance of the session?
 - e. People should be given an opportunity to publicly express what's in their heart.
 - f. Someone should ask the Cardinal the best way for attendees to share information from the session.
 - g. Our identity as Catholics has been affected by the abuse scandal.
 - h. There is an online healing prayer ministry at St. Cletus that has been promoted to our parishioners.
3. Marc thanked those who helped with Fr. David's wake and funeral. Comments from the council included: Fr. Bill's funeral homily was very good, the services were beautiful and a testament to our community and our music ministry.
4. Fr. Bill's last Mass at SJC will be on June 15 at 4pm. A reception will follow in the parish center. Members signed up to help with the reception. Fr. Bill does not know where he will be assigned.
5. Fr. Peter has been away. The date of his farewell Mass and reception are to be determined. Peter was assigned as pastor of St. Richard Parish.

6. SJC has not been assigned an associate pastor as of yet.
7. The new Mass schedule was announced on Easter Sunday. It will begin on Pentecost. June 8 at 4pm and June 9 at 7:30, 9, 11, and 5pm. It was suggested that Masstimes.org be checked for the correct new schedule. Members discussed how the later daily Mass time is problematic when trying to get to work on time. They could not attend an earlier Mass at Cletus or St. Francis at 8 or 8:30am if they take a train because of permit parking. It was noted that some people are confused as to when the new schedule will begin. It was suggested that the parish post signs to help communicate the new schedule. Members felt Marc's letters in the May 5 and 12 bulletins were helpful in communicating the reasons behind the change.
8. The Finance Council will collect all fundraising information from each group/ministry/consultative body. They will decide how to effectively communicate the fundraisers to parishioners and vendors. The calendar will ensure that fundraisers do not overlap. It is hoped that this exercise will lessen donor and vendor fatigue and that vendors' generosity will be acknowledged by the parish. Members were asked to send fundraising information for FY 19-20 to the Finance Council by June 1. Emails may be sent to financecouncil@stjohnofthecross.org or paper copies to the parish center.
9. Larry Krema reported that the village was amenable to an electronic sign on church property. Drawings, cost estimates, and a permit would be needed to go forward. After discussion, the PAC put the idea on hold. There was some interest in having an electronic sign in the vestibule of church. Signage and banners will be discussed again at the fall PAC meeting.
10. Members were asked to evaluate the PAC. Positive comments included: it has been a good use of members' time, it is only a 3x a year commitment, and there is a lot of detailed communications provided at the meetings. At large reps and Apostles agreed that they would like have more structure to their role. They would like to meet outside the PAC meetings to brainstorm ideas on what the parish needs and discuss how they can be identified to parishioners as someone whom people can share ideas with. There was some discussion as to the value of having staff at PAC meetings as well as the size of the council. No decisions were made to change the number of meetings or the structure of the PAC.
11. Members were asked if anyone was interested in forming a parish green environmental committee that would work with groups from area churches. Anyone interested should let MJ know.
12. The pastor recognized Chairperson Lisa Geneser for her 4 years of service. The PAC affirmed Beth White as chairperson for FY19-20 and Mike Francis as vice chair. The following members were recognized for their service to the parish through the PAC:
 - Terry Stadler: 2 years
 - Kerry DiMonte: 2 years
 - Jen Smykowski: 1 year
 - Ed Giles: 5 years
 - Ann Gornik: 3 years
 - Heidi Kotynek: 4 years
 - Larry Krema: 4 years
 - Kathie McReynolds: 3 years
 - Bill Mear: 3 years
 - Jim Strafacci: 4 years
 - Dave Zich: 5 years
 - Pat DeMars: 4 years
 - Bill Vollmer: 5 years

Peter Galek: 1 year