

Pastoral Council



St. John
THE **Baptist**
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 13, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:00 | Narthex w/social distancing

Attendees: Becky Bond, Fr Jim, Don Vande Yacht, Dale Garfield, Michelle Malone, Mary Hanson, Mary Reynebeau, Cheryl Yursis, Diana Ball, Dan Tooley, Matt Utech

Absentees: Michelle Nowak, David Yeghiaian

Meeting Minutes

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
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Opening Prayer	Mary	
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Approval of July Meeting Minutes	All	
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Don motioned to approve minutes and Becky Seconded. All approved.

Updates and/or reviews	Fr. Jim	6:40-7:10
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Discipleship Survey – Fr Jim distributed a summary of the Disciple Maker survey results (DMI=Disciple Maker Index) and how we will develop goals that are aligned with the mission plan:

Background: 620 people filled out the survey and those are parishioners who care (~10% participation), so we are dealing with the more engaged people in the parish.

Our strengths are:

Vibrant and engaging Sunday mass experience

Welcoming and hospitable

We have promoters – people who recommend our parish.

Our Opportunities are:

Self-identity on Catholic Journey: They summed this up as strengthening our personal relationship with Jesus – this meshes with the bishop’s disciples on the way initiative.

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Belief in the Eucharist – 75% strongly agreed and 20% only ‘agreed’ in the real presence of

Jesus in the Eucharist so that is where they focused - on getting the others to believe in the real presence of Jesus. This belief is a key connector of coming to church and mass attendance – so it will be a focus.

Conversations: Confidence in the church’s teachings so I can answer another’s questions.

Father shared that the DMI planning team worked through a process to write goals from our opportunities that also relate to our parish mission plan and the foundational quadrant of becoming a missionary disciple. The initial Leadership team was 10-12 people, but the latest team includes 4 staff members and the trustees (though they have since stepped off) and they have added two school teachers to help fulfill the mission plan. Please see handout for details.

Three implementation teams of one program, existing or new, will be repeated for three years, for each of the three goals. So over 9 years, there will be focused on 9 new/existing programs.

Staff will own evaluating or programs; need to determine what we will focus on and will narrow down the choices. They will decide on measures of success for each initiative.

Pastoral Council will be a resource to promote, plan and prepare to launch the program throughout.

Next step: Communication of the plan and focus on the opportunities for GROWTH. Goal is to implement these initiatives when people are more likely to go to church (lent, advent, Easter, etc). We also need to INVITE people to join our programs.

Feasibility Study – Fr distributed the one by one campaign information. The feasibility study has begun and SJB is a \$7M campaign. Mary H is impressed with the new CCS team and how responsive and driven they are.

The campaign consists of three components:

1. Parish Mission Plan - \$661,648
2. Diocese One by One - \$661,648
3. Capital - \$5,676,704

If we were doing a simple campaign it would be \$750K each for \$1.5M total. With also doing a capital campaign, the Parish Mission and Diocese components are lowered to \$661,648 for us and the diocese. The hand out is the main document for the feasibility study and will be communicated to parishioners.

Capital is separate:

Old church plans – The feasibility study will determine if this is part of it and if there was any interest in revitalizing the old church. Father said there is so much potential there and \$1M is allocated as part of the capital plan.

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They did hire Dan Roarty to do a project scope on all the building renovations.

Build a two-story parish office that would include a commons that could accommodate significantly more people than the current school commons. The proposed would be attached to the church.

Current offices would be torn down and would make room for additional parking and better access to the old church. This is a plug number to round the total campaign to \$7M.

Renovate the school commons and move the school office towards the entrance.

Replace the boiler in the school.

The old church bells would be saved, and a structure built near the entrance of the church as a historical thing.

Michelle asked about the status of the boiler project. The Diocesan Building commission has asked for an engineering study and then 3 apples to apples quotes; Father could over rule this but it needs to have a meeting first, which is yet to get arranged. The money part goes to the finance council for approval and we only have \$80K to approve the project and we don't have enough money in the bank, so finance council is not in favor of a big loan right now. We also missed the window of doing this during summer before school starts, so this leaves us with the feasibility study and the campaign funding the project. It will cost \$22K to get us up and running with two boilers, and the second one is leaking. School will open this fall so we need to act on this and need to pray about this. In the long run we will have a campaign and the boiler will be the top project for the capital part of the campaign as it is a clear need.

CCS will be doing in-person interviews on the feasibility of doing all of this. Sarah, Fr Jim and the diocese has a list of 30-50 people who have a record of giving and people who have interest to be approached.

At the end, they (CCS) will determine how much we will be able to raise and what pieces will be able to be done.

Safety and security will also be considered with the project including the old church utilization. Becky suggested to contact the historical society where additional funds could be available for the old church revitalization.

Appreciation Breakfast

Michelle

7:11-7:20

A subgroup (Michelle M, Becky B, Sarah W, Mary H and Diana B) met in August and determined that we want to do a welcome back event in mid-late September – casual, walk up and get a hot dog and chips/soda. Another idea came up that we should do a video of what mass is like now to show people how we are protecting them from a Covid safety standpoint. Sarah sent a video to the subteam and it is now posted on the SJB website.

For the “hot dog stand” idea, this needs to be planned and resources committed. We will need to reach out to finance and other key groups (youth, social concerns, etc). We need to get the group together one more time in August and figure out how to do it and what the logistics are – Michelle to set-up another planning meeting to discuss details and how we might do this.

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Liaison Assignments

Mary

7:21-7:35

There are 12 or 13 meetings we should cover as we have been asked to cover additional committees other than the standing ones. Mary will send the list of committees needing a liaison prior to the next meeting, so begin to think about which group you want to commit to.

Chair and Vice Chair Vote

All

7:36 - 7:55

Mary read through the by-laws and it is not an automatic for Dan to become chairperson. Dan confirmed his interest and was nominated, and a vote taken with all being in favor.

Vice chair: The position description was reviewed; Vice Chair is to Plan and coordinate the appreciation breakfast and attends the monthly leadership meeting with Fr. Jim; first Wednesday of the month around 5:30 pm. Diana was a vice chair in her previous parish and she is very interested. Mary R may be interested in the future. Diana was nominated for vice chair; all voted she was approved as the new vice chair. Diana needs access to the web and Dan will need to set her up.

Closing Prayer

Mary 7:55 – 8:00

Next Meeting

September 10, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:00 | Parish Office |

Other Information

To Do Items:

1. Dan to set Diana up with access to the web
2. Dan to send a list of committees needing a liaison prior to the next meeting.
3. Michelle to schedule another planning meeting for the Appreciation Breakfast subgroup.

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