

St. Joan of Arc

Pastoral Council Minutes

April 16, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Willie Franken, Ed Boris, Jack Fuller, Ray Ford, Ginger Bahr, Terry Welker and Tony Smith

Absent: Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Nancy Schmidt, Chuck Hoppe, Dick Berndt and Bob Chrest

1. **Opening Prayer:** Terry Welker
2. **Agenda Items:**
 - **Minutes from March meeting were approved**
 - **Fr Willie Pastor's Report**
 - Upcoming Events
 - "Standing Strong with your Teen" – 4/23 at the John Carroll School 7pm
 - St. Joan of Arc is organizing a bus trip to Sight and Sound to see their new production "Jesus" on 11/3. Cost is \$85/pp. A deposit of \$45 is due by 6/15 with the balance due by 10/1. This will include dinner before departing for Lancaster at the Olive Tree. Karen Corun and Robin Carnivale are coordinating.
 - Electrical lighting work is currently being conducted in certain entry ways.
 - Deacon Ray is in the process of recruiting altar services as we are experiencing a shortage currently.
 - The 1st First Communion celebration is scheduled for 4/29
 - A review of Holy Week and Easter was conducted and deemed a success. Easter is later next year.
 - Deacon Ray will be leading an effort with respect to "Catholic Identity" through Saint. Joan of Arc School
 - As of 4/10 SJA has raised \$41,280 towards the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. This is less than last year however, we have still exceeded our goal for the 2018 Lenten Appeal.
 - **Financial Update from Ed Boris (see attached)**
 - Trust is performing well. Expenses we are below our budget. Overall, we are doing well.
 - There has been an increase in offertory collections which is attributable to the "Take the Next Step" campaign.
 - An audit of the parish and school is currently wrapping up. A report should be issued this next week (possibly by Thursday, April 26th).
 - **School Updates (see attached)**
 - Registration is ongoing. 155 have re-registered

- An AdvancEd STEM Accreditation Team will visit April 30th – May 2nd. If approved, SJA school will be the first accredited STEM school in MD.
- Derby Night was a great success. It was a fun night!
- Deacon Ray will be attending a field trip with middle school students on April 23rd to a retreat being held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in DC.
- See the attached school report for a full list of all of the exciting events planned for the remainder of the school year.

- **Strategic Plan update & Implementation Jack Fuller**

- Deacon Ray has been working with Mrs. Bahr and team on the school's strategic plan. There are four key elements:
 - Catholic Identity
 - Systemic Academics
 - Facilities & Finance
 - Advancement & Marketing
- Deacon Ray & team are seeking to form an Evangelization Committee. We are already doing some things as a parish community that would fall under this umbrella. Father Willie feels that his committee will directly impact the Pastorate process and would like the Pastoral Council to be involved.
- There is also a Service & Justice Committee forming. Again, we are already engaged in initiatives that would fall under this committee. For example the Good Samaritan Program and ushers.

- **New Business:**

- We are in the process of forming a committee for Saint Joan of Arc Church's 100 year anniversary in 2020. A note has been placed in the bulletin seeking members.
- For the first time Harford Region evangelical organizations and parishes are sponsoring Faith Fest 2018. To be held on September 16, 2018 at the equestrian center in Bel Air. FREE children's activities including rock climbing, face painting, zip lining, petting zoo and more! Pit Beef, Pit Turkey, Food Trucks. Tents with adoration, confession, faith activities. Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori on the mainstage finishing with Fireworks! Each parish is being asked to contribute \$4,000 toward this event.
- Father Willie would like to grow the Pastoral Council. He asked the council to begin thinking of fellow parishioners who would be interested in participating and to reach out to Father with names so that he can reach out.
- Martha's Meals – the six churches who participate in this ministry are being asked to contribute toward the budget to assist in covering costs of paper products and

utilities. As one of the founding churches involved in this multi-church ministry, St. Joan of Arc will designate funds collected through the poor box over two upcoming weekends. Terry to reach out to Robin to coordinate a bulletin announcement.

Our next pastoral council meeting will be May 7th at 6:30pm in the meeting house.

Ray Ford will lead the prayer next month.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Welker