

St. Gregory the Great Pastoral Council (PC)

August 26, 2024

Present: Fr. Steve, Fr. Aaron, Debbie Birck, John Elliott, Jim Moyer, Gloria Parker-Martin, Chris Richard, Megan Roach, Jeff Zalar, Dan Frey, Pam Payne

Guest: Kendall Keiser, Director of Health Ministries

Gloria opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

July meeting minutes were accepted.

Kendall described her responsibilities and how she and Barb Szucsik, Coordinator of Love in Action, will work in partnership. Kendall's current primary duty is to recruit volunteers. Per Chris Richard, liaison from PC to the health ministry, Kendall has many exciting ideas. The role of 'parish nurse' has been redefined. All three churches will become one Health Ministry. Once all ministries have been redesigned, they will be listed on the SGG website so people know volunteer opportunities.

Liaison reports:

Guardian Angels:

- During the opening of the renovated church, the combined choirs were beautiful.
- GA will rent the new astroturf football field to build funds for when the turf will need replaced. Currently McNick's football team is renting the field; GA is looking into renting it to soccer and lacrosse teams.

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- All PC members were present and introduced to Fr. Steve.
- Michael Johnson, Director of Worship, was our guest. Michael shared his responsibilities with us. IHM is exploring the option of adding a second monitor in the old chapel space so people can see the messages posted on the video screen before Mass and for the words to songs.
- Our all-commission goal meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 7PM in Heritage Hall. Liaisons understand their role in preparing their commissions to present their annual goals.

St. John Fisher:

- PC is looking to decrease in size.
- They were approached by two Eagle Scout asking for landscape projects in the courtyards. Scouts will present specific plans next month.

Deacons:

- Deacons and wives had social with Fr. Aaron.

Communications:

- Jeff spoke with Maggie. Proposed 2025 family events include a January townhall, a June Mass at the Athenaeum, the September Halo Huddle at GA – date TBD, an October trivia night.

Worship:

- Gloria spoke with Michael Johnson. With the resignation of Kelsey DeMange, we are interviewing for a new associate music director at SJF.

Evangelization:

- Megan spoke with Jay. He will continue to keep PC advised of his progress with evangelization.

Leadership:

- Jim reported the leadership team is doing a lot of excellent work right now.
- St. John Fisher revenues were down this year vs. other years as well as the budgeted target for FY 2023/24. The SJF Finance Commission has requested that Jim Moyer speak at upcoming Masses regarding the long-term status of St. John Fisher. The presentation will reinforce how important SJF is to the SGG Family and that we will continue to seek opportunities to build on the strengths of the overall parish.

Pastor's Report:

- Leadership Team attended a Phase 3 kick off - where culture is and where culture can go.
- Feast of SGG Mass will be celebrated at all parishes on 9/7 & 8.
- 10/3 priest convocation in Centerville.

Our next meeting will be at 7PM on Monday, September 23, at St. John Fisher. Director of Evangelization, Jay Mather will be our guest.