

**ATTENDEES:** Fr. Martin Linebach, Fr. Casey Sanders, Jeff Lanz, Jennifer Moran, Stacia Reynolds, Coty Oropilla, Mimi Pike, Greg Schreacke, Sr. Marie Hannah, Paula Knowles, Mary Grace Lewis, Lou Edmondson, and Andy Medders.

**AGENDA:** Meeting held in SJS library

Pastor's Comments and Reflection: Fr. Martin opened the meeting with a prayer and reflection from St. John Paul II which asked for the grace of the Holy Trinity to enable all the members of our families to live as true shrines of life and love. Guidance for the Church to fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in and through the family was also implored, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Guests: Brandi Lusk (SJS PTO President) presented the idea to the Council of combining the St. James Fall Festival with the proposed St. James Picnic so that this becomes a parish-wide event to include all parishioners. There are 75 parishioners who signed up through the stewardship renewal campaign to help coordinate such an event, and this could be held in the fall, but not to coincide with the Glendale Crossing Festival. Brandi, a member of St. Martin's parish, used the example of their yearly parish picnic to give ideas of activities, games, and food, as well as to mention that their one-day picnic generates nearly \$45,000.

Because this activity would be under the leadership of Parish Life, Stacia and Brandi will work together to form a committee from, but not exclusive to, the 75 volunteers, to define what the next steps would be, and to share and explain those at the November Parish Council meeting.

Social Concerns Committee Update / 2019 Goal: Mimi reported all social concern/outreach committees are hard at work. In particular, she mentioned Michelle Berger and Sr. Augusta are working on how St. James can offer a mission trip for parishioners. Also, as a goal, Mimi reported that the small group who is studying how to implement service projects to benefit the elderly of the parish (a parish discernment goal), is working on how to possibly use Sign-Up Genius for this project.

Faith Formation Committee Update / 2019 Goal: Andy reported that Date Night will begin a new study in November, possibly incorporating "Theology of the Body" as presented by Gary & Donna Burry. Men of the Holy League will host a mini-retreat in December and will be attending a men's conference. Kristi Ditto is in charge of Children's Liturgy, and because of the number of volunteers, it can only be offered twice a month. Confirmation candidates will be having a retreat soon. Family Faith Formation continues to grow with good participation. Andy mentioned that the goal for his committee would be to meet once or twice a year with all the volunteers of the Faith Formation group as a way to check in and support each committee in their efforts.

Finance Council / Future Capital Campaign: Fr. Martin and Greg shared that at the last Finance Council meeting, the Covenant Group shared a timeline and structure for a capital campaign to assist the parish in retiring the parish debt. The 12-month process will begin with a feasibility study to determine whether community support exists for a successful campaign. Fr. Martin suggested we first begin this

project with a 3-5-year strategic plan, and then determine whether a capital campaign is the answer to retiring the parish debt as we get a clear vision of our future. This will aid us in making the best decisions for any and all future undertakings, whether that includes a capital campaign or not.

Pastoral Council Goals / Discernment Process: Lou stated the Council will revisit the discernment process to-do list at the November meeting and determine what has been accomplished and what remains as we move forward in this process.

Additional Notes: The new weekend nursery would fall under the responsibility of Jeff Lanz of the Worship Committee since it is something that is offered during Mass.

Closing: Fr. Casey closed the meeting with a prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 27, 2018