

Pastoral Council Meeting
March 2, 2016
7:00 pm
Council Room

Fr. Nolker, Fr. Tozzi, Pam Collins, Tim Meyer, Michael Harlow, Laura White, Nancy Thomas, Joe Schneider

I. Opening Prayer

II. Christ at the Center: Faith Formation

Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Reflection: Have you ever been jealous of someone who has been forgiven?
Have you ever felt that someone should not be forgiven?

When I was really young, maybe. Now that I am older I don't recall anyone I had been jealous of. When I was a kid, we believed in an eye for an eye, because my parents felt this way. Then when I got into the nursing profession, that all dropped away, and I see that people often have issues. If God can forgive us for terrible things we have done, who are we that cannot forgive someone?

As humans we are conditioned to forgive on conditional terms. We gear things toward the human aspect. But the unconditional love that God has for us, and true forgiveness, we can't understand fully. I don't have a problem with forgiving people/forgiveness. The problem is that sometimes the punishment doesn't fit the crime; sometimes it bothers me. I also think about fairness. My brother said that he didn't understand unconditional love until I got a dog.

I read a report from the mother of one of the Columbine shooters. She has forgiven, but some of the victims haven't. Such a complicated situation. I can see both sides. You can't forget what they did (ie Columbine), but you can still love them, and there needs to be consequences.

Forgiveness is healing. Forgiveness is so much bigger than us. But I have trouble with crimes against children. The reading in this week's Living the Eucharist spoke to me.

III. Emergency Study Report. Tim Meyer (see handout attached)

Started by reviewing emergency procedures for the parish center. States that every meeting at his job starts with this type of safety review.

Location of AEDs:

Church: Outside sacristy.

Gym: ??

The verbage of this presentation uses the same verbage used by FEMA, Dept of Education, Department of Justice. The “Annex” section - the Plan - is only one piece of developing an Emergency Operation Plan.

Shared an EXAMPLE of UC’s plan. The Annex, and the Evacuation Tim shared are just examples of what UC does.

Saint James School has had active shooter drills, lockdown drills. St. James has been on lockdown multiple times, usually for a bank robbery in the area.

This is a lot of information to digest. Will need to take some time to think about presentation, meet again to discuss how to next proceed. And what Annexes to address.

In the planning phase, the police and fire departments should be involved. It might be a good idea to have different teams for the different scenarios. The goal would be to meet the minimum of what the basic operations of this location does.

To spell it out and have expectations of what should occur in certain situations would be a much better way to proceed, vs flying by the seat of our pants as we have been.

THANK YOU, TIM, FOR THIS TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK!!

IV. New Council Member Recruitment: Joe Schneider

We will be losing Michael, Joe, Devin. Looking for 2 male and 1 female member. Tim usually guides people through discernment, but doesn’t serve on the committee to plan sequence of events.

May 4 information night.

May 11th discernment night.

One person last year did not attend info night, and so we asked them to wait a year. There are some people that may be interested, including some from last year.

Even if we have people interested from last year, we will still publicize the process to the parish.

Joe asks for help organizing the materials and the meetings. It primarily involves taking the information from last year, and changing the dates.

Basically putting the schedule together. Laura White volunteered to do this.

V. Pastors Comments: Father Nolker

--One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign has now benefited Saint James. Received check from the Archdiocese for \$93,000. Paid off church renovation and school windows. Remainder went to the Columbarium in the cemetery. Our astute accountant ensured that this money was tax free—we love and are proud of Amy.

--Our Athletic Club's charter has been approved by the Archdiocese.

--527 students are registered for school next year. Enrollment is 540 this year. 52 kids in Kindergarten, up from 40 last year. School enrollment next year will be about the same as it was this year.

--Circle of Care: Letter written to Claire Thompson asking for info of the prayer chain. Some of the other functions of "Circle of Care" will be absorbed by the office staff.

--Passed out new brochure, *St. James the Greater Parish*, from Nick Kovatch. Developed through the Living the Eucharist committee. Will be in church, mailed out to parishioners. The pamphlet directs people to the parish website. The intent of this brochure is to whet people's appetite to what is around in our parish (with the intent to stir interest in St. James).

--The roll out of *Formed* was not done as well as it could have been. Will be redone April 17th. Information will be given from the pulpit. And people will be at Coffee and Donuts to show people how to navigate the site.

VI. Night Prayer

Next Meeting April 6, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Gandenberger