

Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More
Meeting of the Pastoral Council
February 20, 2019

Present: Father John Cayer, Michael Williams, Jeanne O'Kon, Mary Goble, Michele Taylor, Chaney Coggins, Sue Steverson, , Dasha Nixon, Michelle Harkness, Valeria Robinson, Silvia Alderman, Donald Thomas, Lauren Kubelka. **Absent:** Brother Rahl Bunsu, Joy Smith, Christa Calamas, Wayne Evans, Mary Ballard.

Father John opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

CSU Update: Lauren Kubelka reported that the CSU Spring Retreat was held in Panama City this past weekend. It was a beautiful environment, and 189 students attended. The retreat theme was "Elevated," and the community focused on making their lives greater than they are. The Men's and Women's groups have started up again, and each group has a theme. The Senior Seminar information session began in January, and is held for several weeks. It focuses on life after college. It includes Financial Peace University, finding a prayer life, and living out your Catholic identity. A new CSU representative will be elected for the coming year, and Lauren will bring the new representative to the April Pastoral Council meeting. Father John thanked Lauren for her service.

Parish and Family Life: *Adult Education:* Chaney Coggins reported that a new "Wisdom" Bible Study series is starting on Tuesday, March 12 and run through April 30. A series on the Book of John will begin on May 4 and will be directed by Dr. Sonya Cronin. Parishioners can sign up online and the cost will be \$20. *Formed.org* updates appear weekly on the parish web site. Chaney reported that the sessions are very informative.

Education and Faith Formation: *Trinity Catholic School:* Michael Williams reported for Joy Smith. The Father Murray Award presentation will be on April 5 at 1:30, and Dr. Mary Coburn will be the guest speaker. The Trinity Thespian group got a Superior rating at their recent state competition, with several individual awards. Trinity students also received awards at the FSU Regional Science Fair. On Feb. 22, there will be "Share Night" at Panera on Blairstone Road. The annual School Auction will take place at the Automobile Museum on March 2. A table is reserved for Pastoral Council members.

St. John Paul II CHS: Dasha Nixon reported that a Dance Marathon was recently held to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, and they raised \$25,000. The District championships for boys' basketball was held on Saturday, and the John Paul II team won! They will compete in the final 16 in the state. SJP II will play Lake Mary Prep tomorrow evening here at SJP II at 6:00 p.m. A "Southern Affair" wine and cheese (bourbon and cigars) fundraiser will also take place tomorrow evening from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Last Sunday, the "Mass on the Grass" was held with Bishop Wack and was well-attended. The SJP II Robotics team recently presented in a competition at NASA on cleaning up the environment using technology.

Administration: Dasha reported that there are five construction projects ongoing. The kitchen renovation is progressing and much work has been done. The goal is to finish it before Easter. The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida provides grants, and the parish applied for a security camera system for the parish. Some bids have already been obtained for the project. An outdoor sign in front of the church was recently kicked in and damaged, and will need to be replaced. Tomorrow, damaged overhang roof areas over the church entrances will be replaced. Also, the rafters in the church that hold the sanctuary lights will be replaced and new

fixtures will be installed. A Hospitality Specialist position was open since David left, and John Malley will take over that position. He will work on Sunday mornings and will greet people in the Parish Hall lobby.

Father John reported that during the Lenten season, purple lighting will be reflected on the church.

New Business: *Lenten Light Meals:* The Pastoral Council will be responsible for the Lenten Light Meal on Friday, March 15. The Pastoral Council is responsible for Fellowship Sunday this weekend, Feb. 24. Council members signed up for both events.

Rector's Comments: Father John reported that one of the goals for the *Amazing Parish* group is Hospitality. He has formed a Hospitality Engagement Group with 14 members. He is conceptualizing ways to welcome people with a variety of strategies. This will help because the parish has a transitory population, especially because of the student population and a fair amount of turnover. A parish should be a place of community building, and he would like to see this aspect of the parish improved. He welcomes new ideas and suggestions from Council members. Dasha pointed out that this also involves evangelization and discipleship as well, with an emphasis on faith life.

Father John will send out information about the Forty Day Silence Challenge. He asked for prayers for the Bishops Conferences taking place around the world for the next four days, where they will implement standards for responses to sexual abuse. He also announced that Father Stephen Bosso will conduct a mission at the parish on October 12-15. Ministry Day will be held on Oct. 13. The Fall Festival will be held in October, also.

Future Agenda Items: Pastoral Council elections/nominations. The election takes place in May each year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **March 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne O'Kon

