***Attendees:***

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| Jim Wilson | **X** | Herman Bush | **X** | Kathy Batdorf | **X** | Madison Buddenbohn |  |
| Liz Gonzalez | **X** | Nikki Gorski |  | Patrick Perkins | **X** | Sally Raphel |  |
| Isabel Sans |  | Cynthia Santiago |  | Patty Smith | **X** | Diane Traube |  |
| John Young | **X** | Dan Zankowitz | **X** | Deacon Chuck Hoppe | **X** | Deacon Jim Sullivan |  |
| Fr. Jack Ward | **X** | Fr. Jaime Garcia | **X** | Martine Uveges | **X** |  |  |

***The Meeting came to order at: 7:00pm***

***Opening Prayer:*** Jim W led everyone in the Pastoral Council Prayer

***Approval of Minutes:*** Patrick motioned to approve the August minutes; John seconded; all approved.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

***Connections:*** Patty provided a quarterly report (see report attached):

Patty described the Connections Ministry as getting individuals / parishioners CONNECTED to our programs, ministries, each other, and the Lord. Connections for SFdS Parish is simply being present for parishioners and becoming active in establishing programs that will use each of our individual gifts for the purpose of fellowship and faith. Connections needs to embody the Mission statement of the Parish: Nourish, Care, Connect, Reflect.

Patty reported that she has been involved in multiple events:

* Welcomed participants to the Alpha Series in Spring 2019
* Volunteered at bingo on Fridays
* Welcomed parishioners before and after Mass
* Participated in Faith Fest including at the SFdS table
* Volunteered at the Tri-Parish Picnic
* Part of the planning committee for the ‘One Thing’ Ministry Fair, did ministry minutes before Mass, and participated in the Fair on 9/28 and 9/29
* Part of the planning committee for the International dinner on Oct 5, and did the ministry minute at Masses.
* Continue her role with the Outreach Program, covering at least 2 to 3 Saturdays a month, pack and sort food, bring the food up from the back of the church multiple Sundays a month.

Patty proposed some yearly goals for the Connections Ministry:

* Meet with the leaders of the programs and ministries of the parish to understand the current programs, to discuss concerns and challenges regarding current participation, increase participation and connecting parishioners to these programs.
* Promote and encourage attendance to the various programs at SFdS parish. Invite and attend with individuals. Making sure events are in the bulletin, having a Connections Corner in the bulletin once a month or every two weeks “announcing the programs.”
* Work on a new parishioner welcome breakfast or half a day parish retreat.
* Begin to identify parishioners who are interested in being part of a Connections sub-committee.
* Evangelization:
  + A main goal of evangelization is to work to spread the word of Jesus Christ, his mercy and works throughout the parish.
  + Promote and support ongoing programs such as Alpha Lent or other programs that are planned within the parish.
  + Establish one new Evangelization program.
  + Faith Fest: establish a committee to work on SFdS participation in this yearly event.

A discussion ensued regarding how to share information and connect people. Flocknotes can be used, though too many notes should be avoided. The information should continue to be shared in the bulletin. Social media could be used, especially for younger people. A digital sign and/or higher ratings on Google search could be purchased. Fr. Jack suggested the tri-parish picnic be a preferred goal over Faith Fest.

Deacon Chuck suggested that Connections is strategic communications, where there would be a specific document for a strategic audience with a dedicated committee that could be led by Patty with membership from each Pastoral Council pillar.

***Liturgy:*** Patrick provided a quarterly report (see report attached):

Patrick is working on goals within the Liturgy Ministry first, and then he will work with the parish in general. Much progress has been made on the four goals.

* Goal 1 – To provide faith filled and outstanding liturgies for parishioners and visitors of SFdS.
  + The Liturgy Committee met Sept 16, 2019 and will continue to meet every other month through 2020. The next scheduled meeting is Nov 4, 2019.
  + Make-up workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMCs) is scheduled for Sept 26, 2019 and Lector’s is Oct 10, 2019. Other workshops will follow. Youth ministers have been trained as of this date.
  + A prayer before Mass for participating ministers will begin the first Sunday of Advent, 2019.
  + A booklet for Lectors and EMCs has been distributed at ALPHA Ministry.
  + The Music Ministry will be participating in the One Thing Ministry Fair on Sept 28-29, 2019.
  + The Hand Bell Choir is currently recruiting new members and is rehearsing in the hopes that they will perform more than a few times a year
  + Coordination between all choirs (adult English speaking, adult Spanish speaking, Youth ensemble, children’s and hand bell) will continue throughout 2019 and 2020.
  + All ministers except the Ushers are presently scheduled for Masses. The plan is to begin scheduling the Ushers in the near future.
* Goal 2 – To enable every person attending SFdS to gain a thorough understanding of the importance of full and active participation in all liturgical services.
  + Ministry Minutes began in Sept 2019 and will continue throughout the year.
  + Tri-Parish Picnic was a success.
  + Every 3rd Sunday of the month at the 11a Mass is a youth and young adult Mass. All ministers are youth and/or young adults, including the youth ensemble. 35 young people have been trained to date. The homily is tailored toward youth and young adult.
  + Every 1st Sunday of the month at the 11a Mass is a children’s Mass. Youth lectors, youth greeters and children’s choir will participate.
  + Restructured Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) has begun.
  + Additional special liturgies have been scheduled for 2019 and 2020.
* Goal 3 – To provide an environment that will enhance the liturgical experience.
  + Decorating schedule is completed through 2019 and will be done for 2020. Others need to be recruited from the youth, young adults, and members of the Latino community. A Latino representative is now included in all communications and will coordinate decorating efforts between the two groups. The Environment Committee is participating in the One Thing Ministry Fair.
  + Decorating the Main Church is done weekly. The committee is looking into creating artificial arrangements for the Main Church and Chapel for Ordinary time.
  + An organization day was completed in June 2019, and an inventory is still to be done.
  + The pool is an ongoing issue. It was working for Easter, but a leak developed, which requires more work. The boundary issue was resolved by placing wooden planters around the pool. The wooden planters and greenery are doing well.
* Goal 4 – To continue Evangelization efforts through programs, thereby increasing and nourishing parishioner’s relationship with the Lord.
  + The Faith program for 2019-2020 is “The Practical Guide for the Everyday Catholic” and the first session is Oct 3, 2019 and continues through April 23, 2020 with 12 sessions.
  + The ‘Books’ will continue for 2019-2020, in English, Spanish, and for children.
  + ‘Best’ will continue for Advent and Lent, as well as other offerings through Dynamic Catholic.

Fr. Jack explained that new hard-covered hymnals were purchased. They include 3 years of readings, come in English and Spanish, and can be paid for over 3 years. The Breaking Bread hymnal will be discarded at the end of the year.

Patrick announced that the chairs and table were moved around the altar. Fr. Jaime suggested that the book be put down to help people see the priests in the chairs.

Fr. Jack suggested a security committee be established. It should include law enforcement personnel to train the ushers. Patrick and Fr. Jaime will be organizing the ushers. Deacon Chuck can obtain the security plan document that was put together at St. Joan of Arc parish.

***Faith Formation / Religious Education:*** Patrick provided the quarterly report prepared by Nikki (see report attached):

* Middle School Faith Formation -
  + Classes began Sept 17
  + This year there will be 3 community events: Teaching Mass (Nov 5), Adoration (Jan 28), Stations (Mar 10).
* Confirmation / High School Fait Formation -
  + Orientation for years 1 and 2 took place Sept 21 and 23.
  + Classes begin Oct 6/7
  + Confirmation with Bishop Madden will be April 4, 2020.
* Youth Ministry -
  + The NCYC Fundraising kickoff Sept 7/8 was a success; they are halfway toward their goal with $12K raised of $26K needed.
    - Yard Sale – profit $1,600
    - World’s Finest Chocolate bars – in progress
    - Panera Dough for Funds bagel strip – in progress
    - Ray Traube Chauffer Service raffle – in progress; winner announced Oct 4
    - Dingo Oct 4 – sold out! Pastoral Council members sponsored the remaining 5 bingo games at $50 each.
  + Sept 22 Youth Mass was a huge success!
  + Youth Liturgical training – so far 25 trained. This will be ongoing for the next few months, as youth are added to the list of liturgical ministers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Faith Fest:* Fr. Jack and Fr. Jaime were unable to attend, though deacons and other parishioners were in attendance. It appeared there were more people than last year, especially at the Mass presided over by Archbishop Lori. Deacon Chuck said they learned that the rearrangement of the Adoration tent and Rosary tent was not optimal. It was felt that the cost of Faith Fest is more than the benefit received. The tri-parish picnic provides more benefit.

*Ministry Fair:* The ‘One Thing’ Ministry Fair will be held in Kilduff Hall after Masses Sat, 9/28/19, and Sun, 9/29/19. John will set up tables after bingo Friday evening as well as tables outside the church to engage people. Jim W told everyone to tell all people to come to the fair.

*International Dinner:* Kathy reported that Thurs, Sept 26, at 7p is the next committee meeting for the international dinner to be held Sat, Oct 5, after the 5p Mass. They are still looking for a DJ to take care of music. Since the Shelter will not accept any food not cooked on site or catered, Fr. Jaime said he could provide names of some needy families in the parish who could benefit from any food left over. Jim W reminded everyone that this is a collaboration – a celebration of your heritage. Kathy encouraged the Pastoral Council to mingle among attendees.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*PC Donut Social:* Jim W reminded the group that the Parish Council sponsors Donut Sunday on Dec 1 in Kilduff Hall after the 7:30a Mass until 1p. Volunteers will be needed to support this event.

*Pastoral Council Retreat:* After considering multiple Saturdays in February and March, the group settled on scheduling the Pastoral Council Retreat for March 28, 2020, 9a-3p in the rectory.

*5-Year Plan Updates:* Jim W noted that in late December / early January everyone will be asked for more detail goals for the next 12 months of the 5-Year Plan.

*Respect Life Committee:* John shared that he and Anne Mangones have attended recent Respect Life Harford County meetings and asked the council if they could start a Respect Life Committee at SFdS. Fr. Jaime asked what this committee would do. John and Deacon Chuck said topics for the committee could include abortion, March for Life, Birthright, euthanasia, immigration, capital punishment, and MD State Legislature representation for life topics. Kathy said Deacon Jim suggested John could help with this committee under her Service pillar. Kathy will add this to the One Thing Ministry Fair.

*Council Election Nomination Committee:* Herman let the group know that there are two open elected positions on the council, and a Council Election Nominating Committee will be needed in November.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Jim Wilson at 8:59pm.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Jack led everyone in the Our Father and gave everyone his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary