

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/6/2016

Time: 6:55PM to 09:08Pm

Location: St. Sebastian

Members Present: Joan Arnett, Judy Ballard, Stephen Dodridge, Eunice Frieseke, Father Larry Chapman, Michelle Hansen, Tom Jozwik, Turquoise Loera, Jennifer Ohlendorf, Carole Poth, Del Slowik, Margaret Wiemer,

Members Excused: Laura Abing

Members Absent:

Roles: Leader: Del Slowik

Recorder: Jim Ewig

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		<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>	
Opening Prayer	7:00 PM Michelle led council in opening prayer which focused on gratitude. Members reflected on their reasons for gratitude over the past year.			X
Review/approval of minutes	7:12pm Eunice motioned to approve the May minute with corrections, and Tom seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.			X
Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports	<p>7:17pm Fr. Larry shared updates on 3 topics.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The St Sebastian Principal search committee is winding up its search/work and an announcement of Paul Hohl's replacement is expected within a week or two. 2. Adjustments are being made to the youth committee. A candidate will be named as confirmation coordinator. Sandra McCabe is staying on as youth minister. The Faith Formation staff will consist of one full-time faith formation person, and a part-time confirmation coordinator and a part-time youth minister. These changes are FTE neutral. 3. Paul Hohl has offered to participate in a question and answer meeting about St Sebastian joining the Seton school system. There will be two meetings. The first for St Sebastian's leadership, then the second meeting will be open for parishioners and school families. Seton will not be involved with the meetings at this point; the meetings are for our deliberations. In anticipation of entering Seton system, Paul believes that clarification from Seton needs to be obtained on a number of items. The current items that will be posed to Seton include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. St Sebastian has a unique model. It does not charge the school families tuition and uses tithing to cover school expenses. b. The St Sebastian school foundation makes funding contributions to the school. c. The Home and School Committee makes contributions to the school. d. How will the Choice Cap potentially be affected? <p>Archbishop Listecki's goal is to have all 26 Milwaukee schools participate in the Seton program. St Sebastian will not be in cohort two of schools entering the Seton system. Seton is sensitive to a parish school being supported in the manner that St Sebastian is currently using. An additional question needing clarification: Where will the choice cap checks be</p>		X	

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	remitted? Seton is suggesting raising teacher salaries and making building improvements, They are willing to assist in paying for these expenditures. Concerns were raised by the council that the school staff will be transitioned from St Sebastian elsewhere in the Seton district. Some thought that St. Catherine may be more susceptible to such moves. Del will coordinate getting this information to the Finance Council for their review.			
Trustee Report	07:53 Michelle and Margaret reported that the School Foundation celebration was a success.			x
Committee Reports	7:54p Year in Review (Successes/works in progress/failures/future goals)			
School	<p>Stephen reported that teacher staffing was discussed. There was a request to add one teacher to the Kindergarten and 1st grade ranks. A full-time aide position would be eliminated. This proposal was run past the Finance Council and was approved.</p> <p>The school has finished administering the Wisconsin Forward exam on Chromebooks. This exam is mandated by the State.</p> <p>The revision of the school handbook has been completed. Updates have been made to the emergency preparedness, sections, etc.</p> <p>The teachers made a request to add an additional full-time teaching position.</p> <p>The school open house resulted in 5-6 new families enrolling for the upcoming year.</p>		x	
Faith Formation	Jen reported that she was not able to attend the last meeting. In the previous meeting, it was mentioned that St Sebastian children were used to express gratitude to the teachers. Three people had approached Ed interested in becoming catechists. The hope is that these additional 3 people will cover the staffing shortages. The committee chair, Joann S., has kept meetings on track. There are currently 5 members on Faith Formation Committee.			x
Finance Council	The Finance Council asked Joan to propose to the Pastoral Council that Fr. Larry, Michelle Hansen and Margaret Wiemer be approved to be signers on the three St Sebastian BMO accounts. Carole clarified that the Finance Council request is that three <i>positions</i> be approved to sign, not the 3 specific personnel. Jen motioned to approve the request, Stephen seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.			x
Human Concerns	<p>Judy reported that there will be one more meeting in June.</p> <p>Due to a scheduling conflict with Father's Day, St Catherine felt it cannot hold bundle Sunday this time. St Sebastian will move forward with the scheduled bundle Sunday in November 2016.</p> <p>St Sebastian will provide snacks for the Habitat for Humanity volunteers on June 14th. Snack donations can be delivered to June 14 to Francis and Ben. Interested donators can call the church office for info as to drop-off details.</p> <p>The movie "Spotlight" movie was shown on June 5th and will be shown again on June 8th at 6pm.</p>		x	

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Prayer & Worship	<p>Tom reported that the committee met jointly with St Catherine's on May 24. The focus of the meeting was the scheduling of cluster Masses and joint worships for the remainder of 2016 and early 2017.</p> <p>The next scheduled cluster Mass will be held on November 20th at Mother of Good Counsel. After that, the next cluster Mass will be June 4th, 2017,</p> <p>Mike Kamenski has sent out questionnaires for feedback on the Holy Week services.</p>			x
Stewardship	Turquoise reported that the meeting focused on preparation for the upcoming Donut Sunday.			x
Strategic Planning	Eunice reported that there was nothing to report. Eunice will check with Carole on the status of the survey that Carole requested council members to complete..			x
Old Business (8:10p)				
Stewardship Workshop	08:34pm Del asked that council members enroll in one of the upcoming sessions of the Archdiocese's Fall Leadership Gathering workshop, which will be held on September 30th and October 1st. Individual parishes are asked to bring a team. Del will circulate on the email invite.		x	
CSA	Rhonda Van Pembroke will be documenting a statement/letter from a farmer, which describes the benefits he experienced from participating in Market Day.		x	
New Business (8:35p)				
New Council Members	<p>08:29pm Del reported the following updates to Pastoral Council positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One youth representative, Andrew Ziedler, will be joining the Pastoral Council on August 1st. Stephen offered to be Andrew's mentor. • Maricolette Walsh has agreed to become a member of the Pastoral Council to fill a 3-year term that is currently available. This vacancy is due to Judy Ballard completing her 3-year term. 			
Faith formation	Del and Jen asked all committee chairs to recognize the volunteer work of their committee members. Michelle asked whether either the Pastoral Council or Stewardship Committee should "own" this recognition process.		x	
	Del asked council members to forward to him ideas on what we did right or wrong over the past year.		x	
Retreat Discussion	<p>Jen asked that we use the results from Fr Larry's Practical Ideas For Enhancing the Sunday Worship Experience handout as an agenda item to review.</p> <p>The council discussed whether the retreat should be organized into individual parish time, then a cluster session.</p>		x	
Good Bye	Judy Ballard is ending her term on the council. The council thanked Judy for her past service.			x
Closing Prayer	9:08pm The council ended the meeting by with the "Our Father."			x