

# St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

## MEETING Agenda

**Date:** 10/03/2016

**Time:** 7:08p.m. to 9:55p.m.

**Location:** St. Catherine

Members Present: : Fr. Larry Chapman, Stephen Dodridge, Jim Ewig, Eunice Frieseke, Michelle Hansen, Tom Jozwik, Jen Ohlendorf, Carole Poth, Del Slowik, Maricollette Walsh, Margaret Weimer, and Andrew Zeidler, Jen Ohlendorf,

Members Excused: Turquoise Loera, and Laura Abing

Members Absent:

**Roles: Leader: Del Slowik**

**Recorder: Jim Ewig**

<u>ISSUE/TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION / ACTION PLAN</u>	<u>PROGRESS / FOLLOW-UP</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>
Opening	7:08pm The opening prayer was presented by Michelle. The Council shared their personal reflections on the past "Year of Mercy".			X
Review/approval of minutes	<p>7:18pm Maricolette motioned to approve the September minutes and Eunice seconded the motion. Before final approval, the Council then moved into a lengthy discussion on the wording of the Pastor/Cluster Administrator Report section. The minutes from this section were amended to read "Carole reported changes to the Education Committee's reporting structure may occur when St Sebastian collaborated with Seton Catholic Schools. The committee would be under Pastoral Council, but in discussion with Mark Kemmeter at the Archdiocese it could possibly fall under Faith Formation or Human Concerns. The committee would still be advisory to the principal but having less to do with financial needs of the school, since Seton would handle financial management. Several council members expressed that the proceeding was not the message conveyed at the June Seton discussion. Jen felt that many parents attending the meeting also did not come away with the understanding that the committee's role would be minimized and that they would feel somewhat misled on the basis of what they heard at the June discussion versus the announced changes. Del will share the council's concerns at the next district meeting."</p> <p>Maricollette motioned to approve the minutes as amended; Stephen seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.</p>			X
Trustee Report	Margaret stated there is no report.			
<b>Committee Reports 7:00p.m.</b>				
Faith Formation	Del announced that he will temporarily take on the role of Faith Formation liaison. Jen is going to approach Mary Madigan to see if she is interested in taking the position.		X	
Finance Council	<p>Jim reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council reviewed year end financials.</li> <li>• Variances for the 2016-17 budget were reviewed and discussed</li> <li>• St Sebastian principal Heather Grams attended the meeting. She stated that the school's technology is out dated and needs upgrading.</li> <li>• Carole proposed adding a position through the Stewardship Committee to handle communication duties for the parish and school.</li> </ul>			X

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Human Concerns	No report			X
Prayer & Worship	Tom reported that there will be a planning meeting held on October 25 <sup>th</sup> for the Feast of Christ King Mass to be held on November 20 at 10:00a.m. St Catherine, St Sebastian and Mother of Good Counsel parishioners are invited to attend.			X
School	Stephen reported there was no school meeting since the last Pastoral Council meeting. He also stated that Principal Heather Grams has added much enthusiasm to the school.			X
Stewardship	Carole reported that Jill Schmid volunteered to chair the Stewardship Committee. Carole also stated that a number of volunteers have come forth to be lay speakers for the enhanced offertory project, which the committee is leading. Andrew also volunteered.			X
Strategic Planning	Eunice reported all parishioners are invited to participate in a public discuss to help formulate a new parish mission statement. The Archdiocese has said that if a parish chose to do so, they could use the Arch's mission statement. The discussion will be held on Sun. Oct. 9th --9:15-10:15A.M. All ideas are welcome.			X
<b>Old Business (7:30p)</b>				
Discernments	<p>There is currently one Pastoral Council vacancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joan Arnett's position remains open. Del will meet with Jen to discuss potential candidates. Del may do a "pulpit pitch" to recruit candidates.</li> </ul>		X	
Leadership Gatherings	<p>The Milwaukee Archdiocese held meetings for parish leaders on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Several of our Pastoral Council attendees stated it was a very good workshop. Michelle asked if it might help us in developing our parish Lenten mission. Tom mentioned that the gathering lacked input from the attendees, and was structured in a "top-down" format.</p>			X
CSA	Rhonda VanPembrook will write a telling statement from a farmer from the CSA		X	
<b>Recess to Joint Council</b>				

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<b>Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports</b>	<p>Carole reported that on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> parishioners are invited to help update our mission statement. This will occur between the 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m. Masses. Carole asked council members to volunteer as note takers. Fr. Larry felt the mission statement should not be too lengthy. Eunice will work with Carole to collect potential ideas for the mission statement.</p> <p>Carole reported that Barb Haig is looking for a strong showing at this year's auction and is asking all parish leadership to attend.</p> <p>Fr Larry asked if St. Sebastian would like to use the St Catherine "2016-2017 Faith Formation for Parish Ministries" as a model for Faith Formation at St. Sebastian. Del suggested we adopt this for our November Faith Formation and the council agreed.</p> <p>The council discussed the advantages/disadvantages of our new individual/joint pastoral council meeting model, which has St Sebastian starting at 7:00 rather than 6:30 to accommodate St Catherine's request to meet each month at 6:30 with Fr. Larry and Carole. Overall, the council felt additional work on the schedule is needed.</p>			
<b>New Business (8:20p)</b>				
Mission Statement	See Pastoral/Cluster Administrator reports			
Review of Liaison Responsibilities				
Topics to Present at the District meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School committee under Seton Network</li> </ul> <p>Del mentioned he will attend the next Archdiocese District meeting. Margaret asked that Del present both Jens and the School Committee's concerns about the Seton model at the meeting. Fr Larry felt it would be helpful for Del to present the concerns, even though the Seton Network does not formally report through the Archdiocese. Fr. Larry stated that he believes that there is room for St. Sebastian to have some autonomy within the Seton Network.</p>			
Auction 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A blessing of the garden space will occur after each of the Masses on October 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>The Stop the Auction (STA) item this year will be the interior lighting of the church. The lighting will be updated to be more energy efficient. Del asked that we consider long-term needs when planning the lighting. Carole will meet with Mike Kaminski and Bryan on Friday to gather their input.</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting adjourned at 09:55p.m.</li> </ul>			