

# St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

## MEETING Agenda

Date: 12/05/2016

Time: 7:05PM

Location: St. Catherine's

Members Present: Laura Abing, Stephen Dodridge, Jim Ewig, Eunice Friezeke, Michelle Hansen, Tom Jozwik, Turquoise Loera, Jen Ohlendorf, Del Slowik, Maricolette Walsh, Margaret Wiemer, Andrew Zeidler, Fr. Larry Chapman, Carole Poth

Members Excused:

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	Laura led the Council in prayer based on the St Catherine Faith Formation book. Council members shared their thoughts and reflections on the prayer.			X
<b>Committee Reports 7:19PM</b>				
Faith Formation	Del stated no meeting occurred in November. There was no update for this committee.			X
Finance Council	Maricolette reported that the parish reserve was down to \$167,000, but the parish remains in a good cash position.			X
Human Concerns	Del attended the Human Concerns meeting. He reported that the committee is reviewing its budget allocations. It has made several donations to organizations, including the St. Catherine food pantry. The committee still has approximately \$6,500 left in its calendar-year budget.			X
Prayer & Worship	Tom reported there was no update.			X
School	Stephen reported the November School Meeting.			X
Stewardship	Laura reported there was a meeting held on November 30 <sup>th</sup> . The enhanced giving campaign was discussed. Fr. Larry and Mike Kaminsky were asked to add a prayer to assist with the efforts. The progress of the campaign will be shared with the parish. A suggestion was made to share progress via a "thermometer" graph, which would be displayed in the gathering space. Parish youth will also be asked to participate with the campaign.  The committee is considering hosting a wine and cheese event, which would include a discussion of St. Sebastian's history.			X
Strategic Planning				
<b>Old Business (7:35p)</b>				
Council Vacancy	Margaret reported that Catherine Hoffman will join Pastoral Council and start attending council meetings in January 2017. She will act as liaison to the Faith Formation committee beginning in December.			X
Mission Statement	Report/updates			

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Auction 2016	Michelle reported the auction raised in excess of \$50,000. Maricolette added that during the Finance Council meeting, Joann Perleberg proposed to allocate a portion of the auction proceeds for school employee salary increases and Christmas bonuses. The Finance Council debated this and opted to approve Christmas bonuses of \$100 in scrip for full-time staff and \$50.00 for part-time staff.			x
<b>Recess to Joint Council at 7:43</b>				
Review/approval of minutes	Jen moved to approve the minutes with corrections. This was seconded by Eunice. There were no abstentions.			x
<b>Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports</b>	<p><b>Pastor Report</b> Fr. Larry reported the Archdiocese will be holding a Parish Council Congress on February 11, 2017. The focus will be on gathering demographic information to better understand our parishioners. Parish volunteers are invited to be “keepers of the data”. A software known as the MissionInsite program will be used. Each parish is asked to provide 2 or 3 representatives. Stephen and Jen volunteered to be representatives. The length of this commitment is undetermined at this time.</p> <p><b>Cluster Administrator Report</b> Carole reported on the progress of the new mission statement and said both the Strategic Planning Committee and the staff have reviewed and approved it. The proposed mission statement reads “Proclaim Christ and grow believers through the sacramental life of the church as an inclusive and responsive Catholic community.” The Pastoral Council provided positive feedback on the new statement. The new mission statement will be heavily used and publicized as we move forward.</p>			x
Trustee Report	<p>Margaret reported the School Foundation will distribute its annual calendar to the parish prior to year’s end. The calendar includes the parish yearly financial statement.</p> <p>The advisory board grew from seven to nine members. The new members are Leo Riese and Eunice’s daughter, Mary Frieeseke.</p> <p>Michelle reported that the School Committee wants to change its name to School Council. It feels this would imply serves in an advisory capacity, thereby more accurately reflecting its role. There was hesitation on the part of Fr. Larry and other Pastoral Council members on the use of the term “council.” The Archdiocese has reserved this term for the Pastoral and Finance Councils alone.</p>			x
<b>New Business (8:20p)</b>				
Deanery meeting update	<p>Del reported he attended the November Deanery meeting. The Deanery is composed of the Pastoral Council Chairmen. Del brought up the topic of the Seton network. This will be addressed in further detail in May 2017. At that time, a Seton representative will be in attendance. The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at the Cousins Center.</p> <p>There will also be a leadership conference next November.</p>		x	

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New Business	Maricolette distributed a handout she obtained from a breakout session of a September meeting she attended at the Cousins Center. The topic of the handout addressed how parishes may be more hospitality-oriented. Maricolette suggested that at the beginning of Mass, the presider, lecturer, deacon and cantor would be introduced. Del will present the idea to Mike Kaminski for consideration.		x	
Next Meeting	Our next meeting will include Mother of Good Counsel PC members and will be held on January 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Mother of Good Counsel.			x