

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/06/2017

Time: 7:05PM

to 09:20

Location: St. Sebastian's

Members Present: Maricolette Walsh, Cathy Hoffman, Del Slowik, Stephen Dodridge, Andrew Zeidler, Michelle Hanson, Turquoise, Margaret Wiemer, Tom Jozwik, and Jim Ewig

Members Excused: Jen Ohlendorf, Eunice Frieseke, Laura Abing

Members Absent:

Roles: Leader: Del Slowik

Recorder: Jim Ewig

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Opening	Andrew led the Council in the opening prayer.			x
Introduction	Cathy Hoffman was introduced as the newest Council member and will act as liaison to the Faith Formation Committee.			x
Committee Reports 7:15PM				
Faith Formation	Cathy reported that she had not yet received the January minutes.			x
Finance Council	<p>Maricolette reported that our cash position continues to be strong. The <i>Love without Limits</i> campaign produced increased pledges for the upcoming year. Even with Christmas falling on a Sunday, overall December offerings were comparable to last year.</p> <p>Carole is eager to start a Development Committee. This committee will be responsible for coordinating fundraisers so there is no overlap with other groups and to ensure there are successors to the Auction Committee and helpers with a number of other related functions/events.</p>			x
Human Concerns	Del reported on Jen's behalf. He reminded the Council that the Winter Farmers' Market is coming up on Sunday, March 5 th .			x
Prayer & Worship	<p>Tom reported that no changes were made to the 2018-19 budget projections. The budget is set at \$138,000. The Prayer and Worship Committee would like to inform the Finance Council of a future organ repair that will cost approximately \$35,000-\$40,000.</p> <p>There will not be a joint choir between St. Sebastian and St. Catherine during cluster Masses. Rather, the hosting parish's choir will perform. A lengthy discussion ensued. The difference in singing style between the two choirs was cited as the reason for the change. The visiting choir will be invited to join the hosting choir. Michelle noted that the joint choir is a very visible part of collaboration and will be missed by many parishioners.</p> <p>Tom asked the Council to reflect on the suggestions listed in the Prayer and Worship Committee notes. Suggestions are lengthy; please refer to Prayer and Worship notes.</p>			x
School	Stephen reported that the Seton Network was again discussed. Multiple sources mentioned that entry into the Seton Network may be voluntary rather than mandatory. Heather Gram will research to verify actual requirements.			

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	There is angst between school and parish staff. The school staff believes they are not held in the same regard as parish staff. Michelle suggested that Carole and Fr. Larry address this concern with the staff.			
Stewardship	<p>Carole reported that the <i>Love Without Limits</i> pledge campaign has concluded and is considered a success. The St. Sebastian photo directory is now complete and is currently being distributed to parishioners.</p> <p>The parish staff is considering making the parish available for Doors Open tours. This is an organization that works with owners of buildings of interest throughout Milwaukee and coordinates tours for the general public. Basically, the general public would get a tour of the church and possible other facilities with the St. Sebastian staff acting as guides.</p> <p>The committee will be planning the Archdiocese VIP event at their February 22nd meeting.</p>			
Strategic Planning	<p>Carole reported that the new vision statement has been approved by the Strategic Planning Committee; she then asked the Pastoral Council to review. See handout.</p> <p>Maricolette moved to approve the vision statement. This was seconded by Stephen. There were no abstentions.</p>			
Old Business (7:35p)				
Council Vacancy	Welcome Cathy Hoffman.			
Welcome Project	Maricolette had Council sign the Letter to Mike Kamenski requesting announcement at the start of Mass of those with liturgical roles at that service.			
Recess to Joint Council 7:45P				
Review/approval of minutes	Maricolette moved to approve the January minutes as previously edited. This was seconded by Stephen. There were no abstentions.			
Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports	Fr. Larry stated there was nothing to add from the report he gave to the Joint Council. Carole stated the same.			
Trustee Report	<p>Margaret reported that Gordon Steimle has stepped down; a search for a replacement is currently being conducted.</p> <p>Michelle reported that the <i>Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel</i> article regarding President Trump's immigrant ban may put the Archdiocese in an unfavorable light. Michelle has reached out to Rob Shelledy for his input and possibly opening a discussion with the Archdiocese.</p>			
New Business (8:20p)				

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Upcoming Arch offerings	<p>The following two presentations are being offered by the Archdiocese:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Everyday Stewardship: Inspiring and Practical Insights on Stewardship as a Way of Life</i>, presented by Tracy Welliver, The three evening sessions and one daytime session will be held February 7-9, 2017, in three different locations around the Archdiocese. The programs will continue to build on what it means for a parish or organization to move from maintenance to mission and will center on how evangelization and discipleship are interconnected with stewardship. • 2017 Parish Council Congress, "Using Data to Shape Parish Ministry." This will occur on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 9:00 – 12:30 p.m. at the Cousins Center. 			
Council Vacancy	Del asked the Council to reflect on the upcoming Council vacancies, which will include the chair position. Council members should reflect if they want to continue and look for potential replacements.			
Upcoming Meeting Calendar	The Council discussed whether a need still exists to meet jointly with the St. Catherine Council on a monthly basis. It was decided there will be no joint meeting unless something urgent arises.			
Adjourn	Andrew presented the closing prayer.			