

November 6, 2017 St. Sebastian Pastoral Council minutes

In attendance: Edie Schwabe, Steve Ragatz, Maricollette Walsh, Lauri Larch, Dillon Ambrose, Jen Ohlendorf, Del Slowik, Cathy Hoffman, Margaret Wiemer, Michelle Hansen, Fr. Larry Chapman, Carole Poth

Excused: Jim Ewig, Andrew Zeigler, Eunice Frieseke

Called to order at 7:04 Maricollette led prayer

### **Committee Reports**

Steve Ragatz for Prayer & Worship. Mike Kamenski spoke to committee about spirituality and the mass. Letter that was read that stressed the importance of children in the mass. Booklet in the works for "Prayers for the Dying in the Home" prayers that can be openers for those family members that may not know how to start. Candle saga, Stempers now has the correct candles. Theme for November is Funerals – after cluster Mass there will be 4 stations for prep, alternatives to standard church, extenuating circumstances, and after-care. Monthly themes for the up-coming year. Anything committee needs: encouragement for attendance at St. Catherine's mass at 10am.

Maricollette Walsh for Finance. Discussion of variance budget; any increase in choice would increase in teacher salary. Heather to be given \$52,600 in total to apply to teacher salaries to work with Joann bridge the gap from lowest to highest salary. Discussion that choice monies may not have been applied for – e.g. a family was told they could get choice money and they refused. After it was explained to the family that the school could collect 7K as opposed to \$100. Discussion led to increase in choice percentages to maintain those levels that have been discussed and set in past years. Heather was asked how this would impact the % of Catholic students in the school. Gym wall – not the appropriate information to get permit from city. Construction is to wait until spring. Strategic planning by Zielinski, special attention is being given to the mission of the parish and history. Seton update – some schools have left, some teachers have left the system after Seton. Maria Melendez care and sustainability of ..... unable to

Laura Larch for Education committee. Did not meet.

Cathy Hoffmann for Faith formation. Woman's retreat cancelled due to low attendance - only 10 people preregistered. Question to group, Joann got an email from Carole for committees to increase membership. Committee meetings should be on portal. How do we work together as committees? Suggestion about maybe having a day for all committees to interact – committees are currently working in silos. Would allow for committee interactions.

Del Slowik for Stewardship. Jokes and attended well. Portal conversation – discussion about problems with the portal. Problems with location on Parish web site and problems with access. Looking at purpose for using portal – can it be used to identify the amount of volunteer hours that could be used in grant proposals?

Agenda item regarding communication stewardship needing to be more involved and in communication with other committee chairs. Question, whether there is a source for email/contact information for chair of committees.

Jen questioned regarding the development of inclusivity to have a symbol for the tri-cluster. Dillon stated to have our parish continue to work on our mission statements. Discussion led to having a sign/statement of inclusivity visible to visitors/parishioners. Laurie questioned whether a new parishioner would need to know that St. Sebs is part of a cluster – would such information affect the new parishioner. Jen to look at cluster logo in future.

Carole Poth/Cluster Administrator Report. Safety fence to be put up for safety. Construction of gym wall to be done in spring.

Carol Poth for Strategic plan. Hospitality, look at an annual parish meeting. Jen to send Mike an email regarding response to letter that had previously been sent regarding the introductions of Mass leaders at the beginning of Mass. Strategic plan and Carole to send Pastoral council items that could become agenda items. Development coordinator position – looking at setting position up as a part-time position – seeking interested college students – need to avoid

calling the position an internship secondary to no faculty guidance. Insurance company requesting an emergency plan for disaster and continuity of operations plan - Carole to work with staff and B&G committee.

### **Old Business**

Gym funding is to be tabled.

Finance council liaison - Dillon unable to participate secondary to spouse being an employee. Del Slowik to become Finance council liaison with B&G liaison. Dillon to become Stewardship liaison.

Laurie to do vegetable/fruit trays for Tri-Parish Cluster Mass fellowship. Laurie will submit receipts to council for reimbursement.

Agenda items for future: Need for communication regarding financial needs of the parish, previous spoken that if parishioners increased their contributions by \$10 per month. B&G to have a page of needs for future projects. Finance committee to talk with B&G to continue to develop this future planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm