

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council Minutes
April 09, 2018

Location: St Sebastian

In attendance: Dillon Ambrose, Fr. Larry Chapman, Eunice Friesseke, Michelle Hansen, Cathy Hoffman, Lori Larch, Jen Ohlendorf, Carole Poth, Edie Schwabke, Del Slowik, Maricolette Walsh, Andrew Zeidler, and Jim Ewig

Excused: Stephen Ragatz, Margaret Wiemer

Jen called the meeting to order at 07:04.

Opening Prayer

Cathleen provided the opening prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Maricolette moved to approve the March minutes with corrections. Lori seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.

Teosinte Committee Update –

The Teosinte delegation joined the Pastoral Council meeting and David Goehner updated the Council on their work. In the past, Teosinte would send a delegation to Milwaukee. These trips ended due to a change with our immigration laws. Teosinte sent their last delegation to Milwaukee in 2015. The committee is asking the Council to sponsor a new delegation to travel to Teosinte. There is a significant amount of coordination that needs to occur when sending a delegation. The committee is proposing sending the delegation in mid-November. There are several reasons this time is preferred. These reasons include their school is out, it's their dry season, and bugs are not as prevalent. There will also be a dedication to memorialize the martyrs that were killed during the revolution. The delegation would consist of four to five volunteers. The Committee would like to finalize the volunteer list by June. El Salvador is currently the most dangerous peacetime country. Historically, Teosinte folks would join the St Sebastian delegation in San Salvador. This is intended to be a relationship building mission, not an infrastructure mission.

David stated that Teosinte is changing. Kids are leaving the community and moving to the bigger cities. However, there appears to also be a new wave of young people coming to their community. They are very interested in praying for us and would like to know our prayer needs. They are also very interested in St Sebastian School. The Teosinte committee wants to know what St Sebastian parish would like to know about Teosinte. David finished by making a request to the Council to consider approving the delegation. Lori motioned to support recommending this to Fr Larry for consideration. Eunice seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.

The discussion resumed after the Joint Pastoral Council meeting. Fr. Larry supported the recommendation of the Council.

Committee Reports

Faith Formation

Cathleen made a correction to the committee minutes and stated that the committee actually did meet in January. Sandra and Ed had proposed adopting the new Dynamic Catholic text for first and second grade sacramental preparation, but the school teachers were hesitant. The committee is still very interested in accessing the Mission

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Insight data. Michelle will and meet with the committee tomorrow to explain Mission Insight and its capabilities, and to discern the committee's data needs.

Human Concerns

Edie reported the refugee panel was held yesterday and she felt it went well. There were a variety of options and suggestions presented on how people could get involved.

Prayer and Worship

There was no report.

School

Lori reported an opportunity currently exists to improve communication between Heather Grams and building maintenance. The hiring of a Data Manager position has been postponed. The goal now is to fill this position prior to summer.

Buildings and Grounds

There was no report.

Finance

Maricolette said the Finance Council approved the budget for next year. The budget is tight. There were some increases in revenue, but also a decrease in contributions of 13.5K for the upcoming year. The parish still needs to fill the opening of Auction Chair. Mike Kamenski joined the meeting to discuss tithing verse the "one pot" funding model, He said there are circumstances when a dedicated cause is appropriate. Carole added that guidelines for special event funding are being developed. The School Foundation loan is close to being paid off, probably by the end of the year.

The foundation of our stained glass windows are deteriorating and are need of repair. Maricolette posed the question of possibly having St Sebastian added to the National Registry. This may open the possibility of obtaining grants. Del had already researched this possibility and was told by several sources to steer away from this. Mainly because of the strict requirements how improvements or repairs are made. The national registry may be a better option if the St Sebastian church was in a maintain mode verse a repair mode. Maricolette felt it is worth still worth looking into further.

Stewardship

Dillon appealed to the Council to get the word out regarding our parish "Spring into Service" cleanup project which will be held May 12th from 1pm to 4pm.

Administrator Report

See combined section below.

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Old Business

1. Recruitment plan

Eunice had advertised for candidates in the bulletin twice. She received no responses. Eunice and Margaret did create a list of potential candidates they felt would be a good fit ran and will run this past Fr. Larry. When Margaret is back, they will meet and reconvene.

New business –

1. Pastor's and Administrator's combined Report

Carole reiterated that the "Spring into Service" campaign will be held Saturday May 12th.

Fr Larry asked the Council committee liaisons to educate and refresh our committees on our funding model.

2. The Council reviewed and discussed Michelle's handout of our funding models.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday May 14th at 6pm at St Catherine which will be a tri-parish meeting.

Upcoming Dates

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ewig