

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council Minutes
May 14, 2018

Location: St Sebastian

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

Guest: Maria Melendes, Joann Stasiewicz

Excused: Lori Larch, Margaret Wiemer

Jen called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

Opening Prayer

Eunice led the Council in opening prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Maricolette moved to approve the April minutes. Stephen seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.

Playground Renovation Presentation

Maria Melendes, the Chair of the Ad Hoc Playground Committee, presented an overview of the proposed playground renovation. The Ad Hoc committee consists of School Committee members, school staff, Mark Knapp, neighbors residing on 54th street and a number of other representatives. The proposed renovation would benefit both St Sebastian and St Colettas students. The majority of playground activities currently take place on the parking lot. There is some underutilized green space east of the gym and south of the school. The plan would repurpose this green space into two play areas. The first would be a quiet/nature play area. The second would include play structures. The parking lot would be the third play area. The lot would be restriped for a soccer court, but also striped for parking spaces. The intent is to have these play spaces locked when school activities are not occurring.

Digger's Hot Line has already surveyed the grounds to assure underground power lines are not in play. The plan would be to reseal the parking lot this summer. The number of parking spaces will not be reduced. Rain run off; however, remains a concern. Play structures will be moved to east side of the gym wall. Rubberized surfaces are being considered because they are low maintenance and have a longer life than wood chips. The estimated budget for this project is in-between \$100,000 to \$200,000. Approximately \$6000 has already been raised. Maria is looking into viable funding options. The Committee would like to use the "annual appeal" to assist with fund raising. If funding becomes an issue, the project can be broken in stages.

Maria stated the plan will be presented to the Finance Council next.

Jen polled the Council regarding their support to move forward with gathering additional information on the proposed playground and to also research more precise cost estimates. There were no objections.

Committee Reports

Due to time consideration, all Committee Reports were deferred until the next Pastoral Council meeting.

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Administrator Report

Carole stated that the PAL hadn't received much direction, but has been receiving attention lately. Several meetings have recently occurred. The PAL program and St Sebastian will collaborate more closely going forward. Functions such as implementing emergency procedures and calling off school for inclement weather will be made by Heather Grams. Some of the changes were necessitated by liability insurance.

Also, Mike Leamen has been working with Carole on athletics. Athletics is considered a parish function, more than school function.

Pastors Report

Pastor's Larry discussed plans for Faith Formation after Sandra McCabe retires and Ed Dunklee adopts a new reduced role. There will be more focus on youth and young adults, which will include a full time position dedicated to these programs. A part time position is being dedicated to focusing on kids. Job descriptions for both have been written. Father is hopeful to have the positions filled in June. An interested person has already come forth for the youth and young adult's position. There will be a review committee to assist Father in hiring decisions. Ed will continue in a reduced role.

Ed and Sandra have created some 2018-2019 plans. This includes a scheduled retreat for the upcoming year.

Father also spoke about the Amazing Parish Conference being held on October 17-19, 2018. Archbishop ListECKI is stressing attendance and would like all parishes to participate. It is expected that this will be the Archdiocese's largest conference event ever. A preconference meeting has already occurred. It was learned that this will be more of a "Pastor oriented" and less "leader oriented" conference. A group of five St Sebastian and St Catherine representatives will attend. These five already include Fr Larry and Carole. The remaining three representatives are yet to be determined.

Old Business

Pastoral Council Member Recruitment plan

Eunice stated she made pulpits pitches after each of the Masses last week.

New business –

Jen reported on the launching of the parish's Strategic Plan and the impetus to have strong inter-committee planning. Both Jen and Carole will lead a collaborative effort on an inter-committee meeting which is to be held on June 3rd between the 9AM and 10:30 Masses. The RSVP response was strong so far.

Maricolette did report on the April financials. The parish is estimated to have a \$37,600 surplus in the one pot funds from April to June.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday June 4th at 7pm at St Catherine.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ewig