

St Sebastian Pastoral Council Minutes
August 06 2018

Location: St Sebastian Parish

In attendance: Jeffrey Altenburg, Fr. Larry Chapman, Michelle Hansen, Judy Hill, Lori Larch, Jennifer Ohlendorf, Carole Poth, Steve Ragatz, Edie Schwabe, JoAnn Stasiewicz, Maricolette Walsh, Margaret Wiemer, and Jim Ewig

Guests:

Excused: Cathleen Hoffman, Eunice Frieseke

Jen called the meeting to order at 07:02PM.

Opening Prayer

Jim led the Council in opening prayer.

Introductions

All present proceeded in a round of introductions that included a brief summary of their time at St Sebastian.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The approval of June minutes was deferred until the next Council meeting.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Del has step down from Council and Building and Grounds liaison.

Finance – Maricolette stated there has been a large increase in unrestricted cash. The amount owed to Catholic Financial is now down to \$89,000, and this debt is expected to be retired before the end of this year. For the year, regular contributions are down by approximately \$17,000. Collections for PAL open receivables is still going very well. This was mainly attributed to the collections efforts that had been adopted last year. The sanctuary lights project is currently underway. The Bell Tower is in need of tuck pointing. As well, the lighting project for the bell tower was originally under estimated. It appears now that \$25,000 will be needed for the project. The project to repair the front church stairs has not yet been started. The Pastoral Council felt strongly that the front stairs needs to be addressed soon and asked Maricolette to approach the Finance Council with those concerns. A date for the parish auction has been set. It will be held on December 8th. Tim Healey has announced his resignation as Finance Council Chair. A new Chair will be discerned shortly. In an effort to get a stronger understanding of the parish's needs, the Finance council would like to meet with all members of both the Building and Grounds Committee and the Stewardship committee.

Faith Formation – JoAnn stated the committee last met in June. Next year's goals have been created and are in sync with the parish strategic plan. JoAnn has stepped down as Faith Formation Chair. A replacement candidate has been identified. The transmission is expected to go smoothly.

Human Concerns – Edie reported the committee last met in June. There are no meetings scheduled for July or August.

Prayer and Worship – The strategic plan was discussed and it was decided that the Prayer and Worship committee will meet with the Faith Formation committee once per month. The committee will be looking at the sacraments and stewardship training in the fall. Steve also stated there is a shortage of "teachers" for the kids. Mike Kaminski completed a safety presentation which covered severe weather and "active shooters".

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Stewardship - Dillon stated he was not able to attend the past meeting. Dillon did share that “Donut Sunday costs approximately \$200 per month.

School – Lori reported student enrollment projections are currently being reviewed. Additional staff have been added. One of the classrooms needed to be relocated, and that move was completed this past weekend. Lori stated the position to assistant Heather Grams has been filled by Pat Kennedy. JoAnn asked that the Pastoral Council recognize the achievements of the schools past year and solicited the Council for ideas. Recognition ideas included holding a luncheon for the teachers or a custom a cookie basket for each of the 46 staff members. JoAnn will recruit a volunteer(s) for this project.

Final Details/Planning for Retreat.

The final details were discussed in Joint Pastoral Council meeting. See those minutes for information.

Pastors Report – Fr Larry reported nothing in addition.

Pastoral Council Member Recruitment plan –

The Councils positions were discerned for the upcoming 2018-19 year. Below are positions each Council member will be hold.

- Lori – Chair
- Vice Chair – Dillon Ambrose
- Finance – will have two dedicated positions
 1. Maricolette Walsh
 2. Judy Hill
- School – Jeff Altenburg
- Secretary – Jim Ewig
- Faith Formation – Cathleen Hoffman
- Prayer and Worship – Stephen Ragatz
- Human Concerns – Edie Schwabe
- Stewardship - JoAnn Stasiewicz
- At Large – Eunice Frieseke
- Youth Representative – The position remains open at the moment, but possible candidate include Andrew Zeidler’s brother or Allison Mills. Lori Larch will have also have a recruitment invitation placed in the bulletin.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday October 1st, 2018 at 7pm at St Catherine.

The meeting adjourned at 09:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ewig