

St Sebastian Pastoral Council Minutes  
May 13, 2019

Location: St Sebastian

In attendance: Dillon Ambrose, Fr Larry Chapman, Eunice Frieseke, Michelle Hansen, Judy Hill, Lori Larch, Edie Schwabe, JoAnn Stasiewicz, Margaret Wiemer, and Jim Ewig

Excused: Jeffrey Altenburg, Steve Ragatz and Maricolette Walsh

Lori called the meeting to order at 06:35PM.

**Opening Prayer** – Joanne led the Council in prayer.

**Approval of Previous Minutes** - Judy moved to approve the April minutes. Joanne seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.

**Stop the Auction-** Michelle gave a brief history of “stop the auction”. One of the past challenges was not knowing far enough in advance what project the money would be spent on. Sometimes this resulted in not having enough money to cover the cost of the project. For this year’s “stop the auction”, project ideas will be gathered in advance. The Committee Chairs will be tasked with gathering ideas from their committees by Monday July 15. Having a large volume of potential projects in advance should increase the likelihood that several of them may be bundled. Once the ideas have been compiled, the Building and Grounds Committee along with the Finance Council will review the list and assign an estimated cost to the various projects. This may involve having a contractor review some of the ideas. They will then recommend to the new pastor which project(s) should be considered for the auction. Our new pastor, Fr. Peter Patrick Kimani will make the final decision. Our auction will be held on October 19, 2019. Michelle stated that the “stop the auction” raises approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. With these changes, it is hopeful that the project can be completed in a timely manner.

Michelle also updated the Council on the status of the bell tower lighting project. There is a considerable amount of work needed on the tower itself prior to proceeding with the lighting project. Lori asked all Council members to think of and bring their ideas to next month’s meeting. Michelle will compile the list of ideas.

**New PC candidates-** Eunice update the Council on the new Council member search. Dan Walker and Kathy Bottoni have been accepted to come on board. Maricolette has also agreed to stay on. Carole will complete an orientation for the new Counselors once they have come on board.

**7:30-7:45- Update on Ad Hoc Parish Funding Task Force** - Lori stated that 9 parishioners have been identified, invited and accepted to be a part of the Ad Hoc Committee. They will be tasked with researching and possibly redefining the St Sebastian funding model. The committee members are John Ruggini, Norm Smaglik, Jen Ohlendorf, Ginny Pauley, Joe Desch, Leo Ries, Melissa Karls, Jill Schmid, and Mary Hoffmeier. Leo will lead the committee. Lori distributed a handout which will give the Committee guidance on the project. The guidance was provided by Fr Larry. The hope is the committee will start to meet in June, and develop a plan of action within three months. Once a decision is made, education/reeducation of the parish in whole will need to take place. Maricolette, Lori and the School Committee Chair will be in attendance at the first meeting. It was acknowledged that summertime may present scheduling challenges for the committee.

**7:45-8:15- Committee Reports**

**Finance** – Judy reported the Finance Council did not meet in May. Margaret stated the school will host Grandparents day is this Friday. There will be a program. The school foundation and all its benefits will be discussed. Heather Grams will give a school tour to anyone interested.

Father Larry’s retirement celebration announcement was in this week’s bulletin. Eunice and Charlie from St Catherine’s are putting together a program for that evening.

**Faith Formation** – Cathleen reported that the committee is considering ideas to participate in the Archdiocese “Seven days of service”. One suggestion was that the committee create hygiene kits that can be dispensed to the homeless.

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Parents are encouraged to attend/be more active in the Faith Formation meetings.

**Human Concerns** – Edie reported the committee discussed potential causes that they may donate their time/funds.

**Prayer and Worship** – Steve was not able to attend this month. There was no discussion.

**Stewardship** – Joann said “the spring into service” event was held last Saturday. Four different areas of the school and church received focus. There was lots of cleaning, dusting and planting done. Much was accomplished and the event was considered a big success. The right amount of people volunteered for the tasks to be complete. Afterward the cleanup, there was an ice cream social. While cleaning Joann discovered a couple of “black holes” in the church – where random stuff was being stored. Joann will reach out to Bryan Kilpatrick so these areas can be organized.

Lori reminded the Council that the Archdiocese is soliciting ideas for “the seven days of service” campaign which will be coming up this fall. Some of the projects will be parish specific and some will be broader. Projects may be done in the 53206 area of town. This neighborhood is in much need of assistance.

**School** – Jeff was not able to attend this month. There was no discussion.

**Strategic Planning** –

Nothing additional to report

**Administrators Report** –

Carole briefed the Council on the pastor transition. We are following the transition list provided by Rick Tank.

**8:15-8:25- New Business/Old Business**

Time did not allow for new business

Margaret added that a small committee has been meeting to plan Fr Larry’s farewell reception. The reception will be held Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> 5-8:30.

**Next Meeting**

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday June 3rd, 2019 at 6:30pm at St Catherine Parish.

The meeting adjourned at 07:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Ewig