

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

MEETING Agenda

Date: 11/07/2016

Time: 7:08p.m. - 09:01p.m.

Location: St. Sebastian

Members Present: Laura Abing, Stephen Dodridge, Michelle Hansen, Jen Ohlendorf, Del Slowik, Maricolette Walsh, Andrew Zeidler

Members Excused: Eunice Frieseke, Turquoise Welch, Tom Jozwik, Margaret Wiemer

Members Absent:

Roles: Leader: Del Slowik

Recorder: Jim Ewig

<u>ISSUE/TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION / ACTION PLAN</u>	<u>PROGRESS / FOLLOW-UP</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Closed</u>
Opening	The opening prayer was presented by Jen.			x
Committee Reports 7:10PM				
Faith Formation	<p>Del reported that Faith Formation for the 5th and 6th graders is now being covered by catechists. Ed Duncklee is teaching the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Ed will eventually transition this task to someone else.</p> <p>Del stated that after Baptism, St Sebastian will send a series of packets to the baby's family. The packets will be sent approximately every 6 months and will contain information to assist families with the faith/religious development of their child. These packets will be sent until the child reaches the 7th grade. The packet cost is \$15.00 per child.</p> <p>The committee is considering distributing the book <i>Beautiful Mercy</i> to parishioners during the Christmas season. This would be similar to the distribution of the <i>Discover Jesus</i> book last year.</p>			x
Finance Council	Maricolette reported on the status of repairs to the school and gym walls. The Building and Grounds Committee is working on refitting the church with more cost-effective LED lights. She also mentioned that the staffing model for the Seton network was discussed.			x
Human Concerns	Jen reported that Bundle Sunday held last week was a success.			x
Prayer & Worship	Del reported the next Cluster Mass will be held on November 20 th at MGC at 10 a.m. St Sebastian will not hold its regular 10:30 a.m. Mass but will offer the 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses that Sunday.			x
School	Stephen reported the committee is in process of amending its bylaws.			x
Stewardship	<p>Laura reported the committee is working on five recommendations to enhance stewardship, one of which focuses on increasing offertory collections. To that end, there will be a mailing to parishioners this week entitled "Love Without Limits." The mailing will ask all parishioners to increase their weekly offertory amount.</p> <p>The committee will next focus on developing a communication plan.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on November 30th.</p>			x
Strategic Planning				

Old Business (7:35p)				
Discernment	Del reported Joan Arnett's Pastoral Council position has been filled. This person will start in January 2017. Del will soon share the name of Joan's replacement.			
Mission Statement				
Auction 2016	Carole reported the preliminary auction numbers looked encouraging. The final number will be released after all expenses have been accounted for.			
Recess to Joint Council				
Review/approval of minutes	After several edits, Laura moved to approve the minutes; Stephen seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.			
Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports	<p>Pastors Report</p> <p>Fr. Larry reported there was a meeting on October 11th to discuss how St Sebastian school will fit into the Seton Network. The meeting included the parish trustees, Heather Grams, Paul Hohl, Don Driess from the Seton Network, and some parishioners. Fours questions were addressed (refer to Fr, Larry's handout to be emailed to council)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the St. Sebastian School Foundation and its contributions to the school fit into the Seton Network? 2. How will fund raising efforts of Home and School Committee that are currently used as operating revenue for the school fit into the new Seton Network? 3. How will the St. Sebastian "one pot" model fit within the Seton Network? 4. Will St Sebastian still be able to maintain its model to determine the number of students admitted to the school? <p>Additional discussion ensued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen asked if the School Committee will still be able to participate in the decision making process at the school. • Seton's goal is to raise \$25 million over 5 years. These funds would then be distributed to the Seton Network schools. Seton is a 501C organization. • Michelle stated the parish agreement with the Seton Network is renegotiated each year. The agreement states the extent to which the parish school will contribute. • Seton will maintain the school facilities and will cover large expenses such as roofing and wall repairs. • Jen questioned if, after the teachers move to the Seton Network, will the remaining parish staff have to pay more for health care? Fr. Larry clarified they would not. • Fr, Larry is asking that the information discussed at this time be limited to parish leadership for now. There are many more questions that need to be clarified before the information is disseminated to all. 			

	<p>Cluster Administrators Report</p> <p>Carole reported that the meeting in October to develop a new St Sebastian mission statement went well; it was open to all parishioners, and there was a strong turn-out. Eunice, Sam Ragatz and Laura are leading the effort at this stage to take suggestions from the meeting and develop our mission statement and parish motto.</p> <p>Carole said the Stewardship campaign—“Love Without Limits”—just began and will last 7 weeks. She also said there is some thought of moving the campaign from fall to spring, which would coincide with the budget schedule.</p>			
Trustee Report				
New Business (8:20p)				
Topics to Present to District meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Committee under Seton. 			
Auction Misunderstanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew reported that some school parents had a misconception that none of the auction proceeds would be directed to the school. He felt that both the school and parish may benefit from hearing the plan to distribute the proceeds. The council discussed possibly having both Fr. Larry and Heather Grams restate the plan for fund distribution. Michelle stated this should be a continual and consistent message made to both the parish and school. 			
Cluster Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Del led a discussion on the naming of the tri-parish cluster. He stated there is no deadline, but it would be beneficial to have the name selected by the next Cluster Mass. The committee discussed several name options, and agreed on Westside Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. Jen made a motion to approve the name. Laura seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maricolette and Michelle asked that we discuss and clarify the definition of quorum as it pertains to St. Sebastian Pastoral Council. Fr. Larry will distribute a copy of the Norms to all council members for this purpose. This should assist with the conversation as it progresses. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura asked that the Pastoral Council make a commitment to follow the “2016-17 Faith Formation for Parish Ministries” booklet that St. Catherine shared earlier this year. Laura offered to lead the council in prayer at the December meeting, using the booklet. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held at St. Catherine at 7 p.m. on December 5th. 			