

# St. Sebastian Pastoral Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: 8/1/2016

Time: 6:50PM

Location: St. Catherine

Members Present: Del Slowik, Laura Abing, Tom Jozwik, Carole Poth, Turquoise Welch-Loera, Eunice Frieseke, Maricolette Walsh, Andrew Zeidler, Margaret Weimer, Michelle Hansen, Stephen Dodridge, and Jim Ewig

Members Excused: Jen Ohlendorf

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	6:50 PM Prayer deferred			X
Introduction of new members	6:55 PM Maricolette Walsh was introduced to the Pastoral Council and vice versa. Andy Zeidler arrived later in the meeting and was introduced as well. Del reported that Joan Arnett needed to step down from her liaison position to the Finance Council.			X
Review/approval of minutes	7:00pm Del motioned to approve the June minutes with corrections, and Eunice seconded the motion. There were no abstentions.			X
Pastor/Cluster Administrator reports	7:05pm Carole Poth reported that St Sebastian's new principal, Heather Grams, will be introduced and welcomed at both of the morning masses on Sunday August 7, 2016.  The council deferred the school and gym wall update until discussion of the finance report .			X
Trustee Report				
<b>Committee Reports</b>	7:15 PM			
School	Stephen reported that the St. Sebastian school open house will be held on Tuesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup> . He also updated the council on the two listening sessions regarding St. Sebastian joining the Seton school system. The 1 <sup>st</sup> session was with St. Sebastian leadership personnel. The entire parish was invited to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> session. Approximately 50-60 people attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> session, most of whom are parents. Many questions revolved around who will be in control of the school and making school decisions. The participants were queried for their questions. It was clarified that former St. Sebastian Principal Paul Hohl has transitioned to a new role with the Seton school system.		X	
Faith Formation	No report.		X	
Finance Council	Carole reported on the status of the school and gym wall repairs. As additional quotes and bids were being obtained, repair estimates were rising. Asbestos abatement is the main reason the costs are going up. The gym wall will be the first to be repaired. The estimates range from approximately \$25,000 (would not include asbestos abatement) to \$37,000 (with asbestos abatement). Michelle noted that there have been several structural evaluations of the walls throughout the years. The evaluations indicated that the walls were not an urgent safety concern at the time. Current measurements showing movement in the school wall indicate that safety is now an issue. The school wall is more troublesome than the gym wall, but contractors believe there is significant information that could be learned by repairing the gym wall first.		X	

	Fr. Larry asked if the school area can be fenced off to accommodate the repair; we learned that it can be so. Margaret reported that there is a “safe” temporary option to shore up the school wall. This includes “bracing” the wall and will cost approximately \$20,000. This option can be achieved prior to school starting this fall; the repair is expected to last from three to five years. The cost of the temporary fix, however, will not be realized towards the final project. The long-term school wall fix is now estimated at \$105,000. In the meantime, information from the repair of the gym wall can be obtained and used for the repair of the school wall. The start date of the project has not yet been determined.			
Human Concerns	The Human Concerns minutes were distributed and reviewed by the council.		X	
Prayer & Worship	Tom reported there was no summer Prayer and Worship meeting.		X	
Stewardship	Laura asked for clarification of duties between her and Turquoise as liaisons to the former Communication and current Stewardship committees, respectively. Now that the Communication Committee is part of the Stewardship Committee, there is a need to clarify duties to avoid duplication of effort. Turquoise and Laura will work together to create a coverage plan.		X	
Strategic Planning				
<b>Old Business (7:30p)</b>				
Discernments	Del reported that with Joan Arnett stepping down, there is one Pastoral Council vacancy. Maricolette asked to be assigned as the Finance Council liaison. Del reminded the council members that this is his final year as president and asked all to prayerfully consider a presidential term after this year. It was also mentioned that Jen Ohlendorf may want to opt off of the Faith Formation Committee and serve on a different new committee.  The discernment process will be continued at the September Pastoral Council meeting.		X	
Stewardship Workshop	Del encouraged all Pastoral Council members to attend one of the archdiocesan stewardship sessions on September 30th and Oct 1. The sessions will run from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM and will be held at the Cousins Center.			X
CSA	Rhonda Vanpembrook to write a telling statement from farmer		X	
Retreat	Eunice will not attend the joint PC retreat on August 5-6. Maricolette can only attend the Friday session. St. Sebastian is responsible for providing breakfast. Council members chose various breakfast items to bring. Del will email the list to all members, including Jen.		X	
<b>New Business (8:35p)</b>				
	The opening prayer schedule will be assigned by Jim and distributed prior to the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> , at St. Sebastian.			X
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>8pm</b> Eunice led the council in closing prayer			X