

St. Sebastian Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: Monday, September 11, 2017

Location: St Sebastian

Call to order: 07:13pm

Present: Carole Poth, Lori Larch, Del Slowik, Michelle Hansen, Margaret Weimer, Cathleen Hoffman, Jen Ohlendorf, Stephen Ragatz, Dillon Ambrose, Fr Larry Chapman, and Jim Ewig

Excused: Eunice Frieseke, Maricolette Walsh, Andrew Zeidler

Dillon Ambrose led the Council in opening prayer

Jen clarified the roles of the liaisons.

- Eunice Frieseke will continue in her role as Vice Chair
- Cathleen will continue in her role as liaison to the Faith Formation Committee.
- Lori Larch will begin as liaison to the School Committee.
- Jim Ewig will remain as the Council Secretary.
- Del Slowik will begin as the liaison to the Prayer and Worship Committee.
- Maricolette Walsh will remain as the liaison to the Finance Council.
- Del Slowik will also act as liaison to the Stewardship Committee.

The Council members introduced themselves and described their roles. Dillon Ambrose also attended the meeting and accepted the role of “at large” member to the Pastoral Council.

Committee Reports

Faith Formation – Cathleen reported the First Fruits Women retreat will be held on October 12th and - 13th. Additional Catechists will be needed for kindergarten and first grade. Jen asked the committee to solicit for volunteers to fill the open catechist positions.

Finance – Margaret stated the gym wall is being firmed up. The parish is in a very good financial position. The St Sebastian host count has been trended up this year.

Stewardship – Del reported the Stewardship appreciation event is scheduled for October 4th from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Comedy sports will perform for the event and drinks will be available. The Council engaged in a short discussion regarding the low amount of opportunities listed on the Volunteer website.

School – Lori will be attend their next meeting. There was no report at this time.

Trustee Report – There have been 3 candidates for the recently posted Development position; however, 2 have since withdrawn their interest. The third applicant was deemed as having insufficient experience. Margaret asked the Council to keep an eye open for possible candidates. The position is part time and will be approximately 20 hours/week.

Prayer and Worship - Stephen reported the choir kicked off its new year last Sunday. Mike Kamenski is now going into 21st year as Liturgy and Music Director. Our next Cluster Mass will be held November 26th at Mother of Good Counsel.

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Strategic Planning – Carole reported the mission and vision statements were completed earlier this year. She is currently working on creating goals and tasks for each committee. Carole stated she received a very little feedback from the caucus held earlier this year. A number of the committees were not receptive to new ideas coming from the caucus.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business to report

Administrator's Report

Carole said Greenfire will have a new proposal to fix the wall. Greenfire believes they have all the contractors lined up to complete the work. They should be getting back to Carole today or tomorrow. It will take a few weeks to execute the contracts. Actual work may begin in October of this year. The doors used by St Coletta day school will be closed during this time of construction. Fencing will be erected around the construction area. This will affect parking. Margaret said after the wall is fixed, maintenance is crucial to maintaining the wall going forward. Caulking will need to be done on a regular basis, etc.

The Council engaged in additional discussion of the Development position. It was thought the some of the school outreach functions may be removed from the job description.

Pastor's Report

Fr Larry – nothing to report

Jen clarified the status of the Council Members terms.

- Cathleen is in year two
- Margaret is in year one of a two year term
- Del will be outgoing after this year
- Lori is in year one
- Michelle's term is up at end of July
- Steve is in year one
- Maricolette is in year two
- Jim is in year two of a three year term
- Eunice's status is unknown at this time

Jen led the Council in a discussion of ideas as we prepare to replace Council members for the following year. Below are a number of the ideas discussed.

- Jen would like the nomination and election process to be more visible to the parish.
- The committees would encourage their members to consider/eventually become Council Members. Part of the Committee Chair's responsibility will be to drive this process. We should also encourage the committees to expand their membership size.
- The process of soliciting replacement members for Pastoral Council should begin in January.
- Pulpit pitches will be used as one avenue to get the message to our parishioners.
- Pastoral Council needs to better educate the parish, especially potential candidates, as to what it means to be a Council Member and the job responsibilities.

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- Highlight the committees and their workings.
- Jen asked council for reflect on these ideas and think of more. This will be a standing agenda item.

Other Items

Margaret asked that we get the date out of the 2018 Pastoral Council retreat out early and often.

The Auction is in need of additional volunteers.

Save the date

- Our next Cluster mass will be on Sunday November 26th at 10AM at St Catherine.
- Our next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on October 2nd at 7pm at St Sebastian. This will be the tri-parish meeting.
- Retreat Dates are to be determined.
- The St Sebastian Auction will be held on October 21st
- The Pastoral Council Opening Prayer schedule is

October	Jim
November	Stephen
December	Andrew
January	Del
February	Lori
March	Maricolette
April	Cathleen
May	Eunice
June	Margaret

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