

# ST. AGNES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

6:15 p.m.

**Present:** Fr. Sergio Rodriguez, Perry Szuminski, Jackie Ellingen, Tanya Bissen, Dave Nadolski, Cindi Singer, Jimmy Matthews, Greg Retzer, Lesley Chisholm, Butch Brockman, Tom Ortman, Tracy Wallschlaeger

**Absent:** Ann Davis

**Guest:** Jean Sekula

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:18 p.m.

**Opening Prayer** - led by Cindi

## **Review/Approve Council Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed with a couple of corrections and approved by consensus.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Fr. Sergio is creating a wish list for the sacristy that will be published soon.
- He is meeting with members of the Building and Grounds Committee to walk through the rectory to review needed repairs/improvements.
- He decided to not pursue items for our church from Chicago.

## **Chairperson's Report**

- Per the request of the Eucharistic Revival team, we will be reading the book, This Is My Body, by Bishop Robert Barron. **ACTION: Perry will let us know what pages to read for our November meeting.**

## **Old Business**

### **1. Eucharistic Revival Update**

- The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is inviting parishioners to attend the National Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis in July.
- There will be training in October for liturgical ministers.
- The Eucharistic Revival Committee will be offering the Emmaus 90 program beginning in January 2024 and running through Easter to help the parish grow in holiness and be sent out as "Eucharistic missionaries." All parish members will be invited to attend.
- The team has requested to display the Eucharistic Miracles of the World, 24 large panels from the Archdiocese, in late November or mid-December. St. Agnes is responsible for transporting them back and forth.

2. Youth Representative – **ACTION: Lesley will talk to Christian Formation about the logistics of adding a youth representative to the Pastoral Council.**

3. Love One Another Update – We reached 76% of our goal. Our first financial distribution should be received on October 15.

#### 4. Convent Use Update

- Fr. Sergio is seriously considering moving the parish offices to the convent as well as daily Mass due to security concerns for the school.
- The convent might also be used as a meeting place, retreat center, and place to sell items from the former Marian Center.
- Handicap access needs to be built, which may happen with help from the St. Dominic project.
- The locks will be changed.
- Permission is needed to have Mass and to keep the Holy Sacrament there.

#### 5. October Pastoral Council Meeting with Committee Representatives

- We will meet in the convent for our 6:15 meeting which will include a tour of the building.
- **ACTION: - Jackie will send out the list of questions we created in June to Pastoral Council members as well as committee chairs so that committees can reflect on them before coming to the meeting.**

6. Jackie collected committee rosters and will follow up with any rosters that have not been turned in. **ACTION: Once they are all compiled Jackie will email all the rosters to the Pastoral Council members.**

### **Voice of the People**

1. Paula has asked us to please make sure that all doors close tightly whenever we leave the building especially when we are the last to leave. Many doors have been sticking and not closing properly.

2. Paula is requesting that all Pastoral Council members fill out a form identifying which keys from the parish they have. Liaisons are asked to do the same with members of the committees on which they serve.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Stewardship** – The pamphlets to promote St. Agnes are in the Conference Center room. Updated parade banners for St. Agnes will be made. The calendar for who is hosting welcoming Sunday each month will remain the same as last year.

**School** – School Advisory Committee did not meet yet, but Home and School has been busy with food planning for parent-teacher conferences, accreditation and the Spookghetti dinner.

**Finance** – St. Agnes was chosen as the St. Dominic Lenten Outreach project recipient Parish. This will happen over 3 Saturdays in Lent. Many St. Agnes volunteers are needed to help fix, clean, pray, socialize, and laugh with our neighbors from St. Dominic.

**Christian Formation** – The theme this year is “God is here.” There is decreased enrollment in Christian Formation. They are looking for ideas for programming for the “between the Masses” time. They will be coordinating with St. Joe’s in Wauwatosa for service projects. Questions were raised about how to increase parental involvement in their children’s faith formation as well as getting everyone reenergized in their faith.

**Liturgy** – no report due to absence, but Butch attended the “My Parish Matters” program which has two tracks – How you can assist your parish and how you can assist yourself.

### **New Business**

1. Now that details of our liquor license have been settled, Tanya recommended that we have a concrete policy and process in place for its use including the annual renewal of the license.

**ACTION: Perry will follow up with Paula regarding this.**

2. Tanya proposed that Pastoral Council host its annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, January 13, after the 5:00 Mass. After discussion it was agreed that it was a good date. **ACTION: Tanya will check on availability with the parish office and get the date on the calendar.**

3. The Cribbage Tournament, hosted by Pastoral Council, will be held in April after a 10:30 Mass on a Sunday morning, date to be determined.

4. At the end of our meeting, it was discerned that Jean Sekula will join the Pastoral Council as an at-large member.

**Conclusion:** All recited a prayer from Cindi.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:40 p.m.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25, at 6:15 p.m. in the convent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ellingen  
Pastoral Council Secretary