

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Milwaukee**  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 25, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom teleconference**

**Attendees:** John Buckley, Joe Carey, Judy Dollhausen, Nicole Hartley, Carol Hasenyager, Fr. Joe Jagodensky, Patrick O’Neil, Bill Protz, Tom Schmirler

**Also Present:** Kathy Lucas

**Absent:** Anisha D’Silva, Nick Kwaw, Pat Lehman

**1. Opening Prayer:** Carol Hasenyager

**2. Parish Administrator’s Report**

When available, Fr. Joe Hornacek will celebrate Masses at St. Catherine on the second weekend of each month during the coming fiscal year.

Jeff Jaroczynski has been nominated for parish trustee; no other nominations having been received.

The Archdiocese and City no longer require fully vaccinated people to wear masks. However, St. Catherine will continue to require masks for all Mass attendees for the time being to give cautious people additional peace of mind and confidence attending Mass here. We will not divide the church into masked and mask-free sections. Musicians and choirs are allowed again. In fact, a small number of singers (not the full choir) enhanced Saturday’s 4:30 liturgy. Our choir typically takes a summer hiatus, so it will begin again in the fall.

Holy Water will be blessed at this weekend’s Masses and will be available in the fonts the following weekend.

A bid has been received for a video camera and wide screen TV allowing the parish to stream Masses in the Granville Room and on You Tube.

**3. Approve April 27, 2021 Minutes**

The second paragraph of section 11 of the minutes, “What Are You Hearing?”, misstates St. Catherine’s Stewardship Appeal goal. The correct figure is \$32,640. With this amendment, John moved, and Nicole seconded, to approve the April minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. **Comments From Parishioners Who Are Present**

Parishioner Kathy Lucas, who will assume a position on the council at the conclusion of the June 22, 2021 Transitional Council Meeting, was present, but had no comments.

#### 5. **Council Standing Committee Reports**

Human Concerns: Lenten Almsgiving raised \$3,015 for the Guest House and \$2,330 for the North side meal program. May's 5th Sunday collection will be for Casa Maria. Fewer people are coming to the food pantry; is there another one in our area? The sleeping bag ministry restarted on May 1. The Faith based group provided meals for Police District 4 on May 13. That group also helps with Safe Summer Kick-off on June 26 at 106th and Mill Rd and with National Night Out in August at the church on 76th and Acacia. Guest House lunches are continuing. Sandwiches are made at home by volunteers and Judy Dollhausen delivers them to Guest House. Next meeting is July 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer and Worship: Has not met since the last Parish council meeting.

Stewardship: During the first three weeks of May 2021, our Annual Time and Talent mailing was produced. Initially, Fr. Joe J., Jon Gabik and Bill Protz met in person to review and modify the form and Prayer Card enclosure. Afterwards, Stewardship Committee members independently offered very good modifications of their own by email. Barbara Holt helped considerably with word processing. Jon Gabik coordinated the entire process. The mailing will occur very soon. Parishioners will be asked to return the form specifying volunteer efforts in which they are interested by mail, collection basket or the south door drop box. Resumption of the annual Appreciation Reception was mentioned as a vital activity.

Tri-Parish Christian Formation: Child Formation - Grade school students met for the last time on May 3 with good attendance all year; high school students' last session was the 3rd week of April. First Communion - no students this year; First Communion will be on June 6 with 2 children from last year's program. Confirmation - 4 confirmed on May 1; next year there will be 5 children from all parishes who will be confirmed on May 28 at St. Bernadette at 5 pm Mass. Adult Formation - Bible Basics and Scripture Study will continue until mid-June; Small book study - will do "Laudato Si'-Care for our Common Home" by Pope Francis this summer, "Learning to Pray" by Fr. James Martin in fall.

Discussion on CF members and HC members visiting the Catholic Ecology Center in Waukesha in advance of planning activities there for adults, kids, teens, families, etc. Considering taking a trip to the Zoo with children and some adults this summer, possibly to the Shalom Wildlife Zoo in West Bend as smaller and probably more cost effective.

Lorrie will set up a schedule for 20-21 meetings.

## 6. Finance Council Report

Met via Zoom on May 20. Work on the school boiler replacement will start as soon as summer break begins. The council agreed that the prices for cemetery lots and columbarium niches should be raised; further consideration will be given to pricing differences between parishioners and non-parishioners. Members of the Finance Council, as well as Fr. Joe and the parish trustees, will meet with representatives of Northwest Catholic School/Seton in early June to discuss St. Catherine's subsidy, the use of our space and the relationship between the school and the parish moving forward. Even though parish contributions are somewhat short of budget, a number of significant offerings usually come in before the end of the fiscal year. Next meeting, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

## 7. Parish Membership

Brown Deer Summer Program Guide St. C. Advertisement and Corn Roast: St. Catherine has a full-page back cover ad in the Brown Deer Summer Events Guide, which has already been mailed to many homes. We will also buy corn for the Brown Deer Fourth of July celebration, allowing us to be listed as a sponsor, and provide volunteers to staff the booth. A call for volunteers will be placed in the bulletin in June.

Yard Signs: 55 new yard signs, with new, stronger posts, will be available for distribution beginning this weekend.

N. 76<sup>th</sup> Place (Adopt-A-Highway) Signage: City of Milwaukee regulations allow a church to have only one sign similar to the ones John proposed for the street side litter collection project. Any additional signs require a permit. Therefore, the council decided to forgo signage. A call for volunteers will be placed in the bulletin in June. This project may be especially appropriate for Formation students. John has graciously agreed to provide garbage bags and to haul away whatever is collected.

## 8. 2021-2024 Council Election Status

A bulletin insert last weekend featured photographs and biographies of our two incoming council members, Kathy Lucas and Gary Springman, as well as of Bill Protz, who is beginning his second term on the council.

## 9. What Are You Hearing?

Community Garden: Nine of the 15 garden plots have been rented. The fence has been replaced.

AED- Automated External Defibrillator: The parish office recently received a fax advertising an AED machine, to be used to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The council is interested in taking the first steps toward obtaining one, including exploring any Archdiocesan and insurance guidelines regarding training and liability for use of such a device.

Recent Weekend Mass Attendance: Saturday Mass attendance has been trending upward in the past few weeks, averaging 70 to 75. Attendance at this past Saturday's 4:30 Mass was around 90, including the vocalists in the balcony; however, the Granville Room was not needed.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal: As of May 3, St. Catherine has received contributions from 101 donors, representing 24.51 percent of the parish. \$24,985 has been pledged. Our goal is \$32,640.

10. **Next Meeting:** June 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

11. **Closing Prayer:** Carol Hasenyager

Minutes submitted by Patrick O'Neil

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