

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Milwaukee
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2020
6:30 pm Granville Room

Attendees: Debra Hintz, Rick Korpela, Pat Lehman, Bill Protz, Anisha D'Silva, Nicole Hartley, Barbara Holt, Sue Niemi, Patrick O'Neil, Sue Wassenberg

Absent: Judy Dollhausen, Nick Kwaw

1. Opening Prayer: Bill Protz

2. Approval of November 26, 2019 Minutes

Pat Lehman moved to approve the minutes and Sue Niemi seconded the motion.

3. Comments from Parishioners Who Are Present

No parishioners were attending but Nicole mentioned that she was at Mass New Year's Day and the parking lot was slippery. It looked like it hadn't been salted there. People were nervous and holding each other. It was mentioned that it was really nicely salted on Sunday.

4. Council Standing Committee Reports

Human Concerns: The last meeting was Jan. 13th. The next meeting is Mar. 9th.

Prayer and Worship: The next meeting is TBD.

Stewardship: The next meeting is Jan. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Tri-Parish Christian Formation: The last meeting was Jan. 6th. The remaining meeting schedule for 2020 is Mar. 2nd and May 4th. Topics of discussion were: 1) Tri-Parish Lenten reflection book will be ready for parishes to print on February 17, 2) Ash Wednesday mass at St. Catherine, 6:30 PM will have Christian Formation students in attendance and include Children's Eucharistic Prayer and children involved in other liturgical roles; children will be involved in the Stations of the Cross at OLGH during Lent, 3) Lenten small groups will be meeting and will be using materials from the U.S. bishops and Catholic Relief Services that include a prayer service, brief video and discussion guide for each session, 4) High School/Confirmation retreat at Holy Hill on January 18.

5. Finance Council Report: The next meeting is Jan. 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

6. Revitalizing Our Parishes Article

We read the article paragraph by paragraph and discussed as we went along. (Information like this about St. Catherine will be available in May or June after parishioners take the Disciple Maker Index survey during Lent. A Parish Snapshot will be provided to us at that time.)

7. 2020-2021 Parish Council Nominations

Second-year members are the Nominating Committee. They will be given the dates and activities used in the past for the process.

8. Parish Director's Report

Staffing: Gretchen Baumgardt hopes to be here at the end of January although her official start date is February 1.

Security/Safety Update: Committee has been meeting and hopes to present ideas to the council in February.

Debbie has received a number of complaints about the sound system. Metro Sound, who installed our system 9 years ago, was out to the parish and will be giving us a quote on updates.

Archdiocese has hired an HR person who is going to each parish to audit personnel files and practices and will be coming to St. Catherine next week.

Debbie read the following sentence from Archbishop ListECKI's letter to her regarding her retirement: *St. Catherine's is an important parish in that part of Milwaukee and we want to work to keep it active.* That speaks well of the Archdiocese impression of our parish.

9. What are you hearing?

- Rick Korpela had a conversation with Bishop Haines and the bishop thinks well of St. Catherine.

10. Next Meeting: February 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

11. Closing Prayer