

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Milwaukee  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 26, 2019  
6:30 pm Granville Room

**Attendees:** Debra Hintz, Rick Korpela, Pat Lehman, Bill Protz, Judy Dollhausen, Nicole Hartley, Barbara Holt, Nick Kwaw, Sue Niemi, Patrick O'Neil, Sue Wassenberg

**Absent:** Anisha D'Silva

1. **Opening Prayer:** Pat Lehman

2. **Approval of October 22, 2019 Minutes**

Rick Korpela moved to approve the minutes and Sue Niemi seconded the motion.

3. **Comments from Parishioners Who Are Present**

No parishioners were attending.

4. **Read/Discuss Parish Council Manual pp. 46-48**

Material was read paragraph by paragraph by council members with discussion as needed.

5. **Young Adult Outreach: Discussion/Formation**

List of 52 25-39-year-old parishioners was passed around. Debbie added comments related to individual involvements in St. Catherine. Potential questions were also provided, should the Council decide to proceed with contacting these individuals. Bill Protz gave a brief summary of another parish's Young Adult Group.

The discussion continued with the acknowledgment that this age group doesn't answer the phone and a text message would be a better way to communicate. However, what would encourage them to actually come to a social to meet others their age and discuss possible activities and/or involvement in the parish?

In the end it was decided that all of us around the table are probably not the best candidates to make these contacts. Bill will talk with Anisha to see if she would be willing to organize reaching out to our 25-39 year olds along with a few others in that age group who are already active at the parish.

6. **Council Standing Committee Reports**

**Human Concerns:** Below are highlights from the Nov. 11th meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Giving will be mittens, scarves, hats for Northwest Catholic students, Adopt a Family, Convergence Resource Center, and Sr. Norma Pimentel's Immigration ministry.

Lenten Almsgiving will be for St. Michael/St. Rose, St. Vincent DePaul, MPD4 Faith-Based Initiative, and a Catholic parish in Nome, Alaska.

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Catherine is very low on funds.

**Prayer and Worship:** Below are highlights from the Nov. 11th meeting. The next meeting is TBD.

Discussed the need of additional liturgical ministers and the possibility of additional training at some point.

Discussed the status of Andy's replacement.

**Stewardship:** Below are notes from the Nov. 4th meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Viewed video, "Cultivating Your Treasure through Stewardship" and discussed ways to help people connect giving to the mission of St. Catherine.

A second mailing will be sent out the week of Dec. 8th to those who have not yet responded to our annual financial stewardship appeal.

**Tri-Parish Christian Formation:** No report. Not certain of next meeting date.

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

Below are highlights from the Oct. 24th meeting:

Chuck Albrecht of Wells Fargo Advisors presented an update of our investment portfolio.

Net operating income for September was slightly lower than budget, mostly due to lower contributions.

Below are notes from the Nov. 14th meeting:

Contributions through October are only about \$2,000 behind last year. Net operating income for the fiscal year through October is right on budget.

One bid has been received for the remaining concrete work on the columbarium; we are awaiting two additional bids.

The tenant has advised us to problems with the quality of the water in the rental house.

**8. Deanery Report**

Bishop Haines attended. Judy Dollhausen mentioned the tri-parish collaboration such as the Seven Days of Service. Bill Protz felt Amy's Crisis Presentation was the best part of the general topics. He listed various activities of the Marketing and Communications Committee at St. Catherine. The archdiocese will be having another capital campaign similar to Faith in Our Future but over a five-year period.

**9. Parish Director's Report**

Staffing: Andy's replacement is Gretchen Baumgardt. She'll start Jan. 1st.

75-question survey (Disciple Maker Index) needs to have a team of 5 people in each parish who would encourage others to answer it. If any council members would like to be part of that team, or if you can recommend someone, let Debbie know. The survey will be administered this Lent.

A replacement for Debbie may be announced as early as April/May. It would be okay with the Archdiocese if that person would overlap with Debbie for a brief period as long as parish is willing to pay for two salaries at that time. We need to wait and see who that person will be before making that decision.

Security planning committee has begun meeting. It is made up of 5 members including a parishioner who is a police officer. His first recommendation is to replace the glass windows in the church entrance with bullet proof glass. We are not ready to make any recommendations, however.

Our new church doors won't be ready in November as previously thought. Debbie has seen photos and they are beautiful. They still need to be sent to the finisher.

Amy Grau, Director of Marketing for the Archdiocese, attended the last meeting of our Communications/Marketing Committee. She was impressed with the group.

**10. What are you hearing?**

- Nicole mentioned a Pens to Pals Program for writing to prisoners.
- Some parishioners are concerned about whether Fathers Dick and Joe will be able to stay. (Debbie noted that they will be able to stay as long as they like.)
- Jan. 19th from 9-noon is the Farmers Market at Our Lady of Good Hope next year.

**11. Next Meeting:** January 14, 2020. The menu for our Christmas Gathering was passed around.

**Closing Prayer**