

St. Catherine of Alexandria
8661 North 76th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223

St. Catherine of Alexandria, the church on the hill since 1855, joins together as a Catholic community to give praise and thanks to God by living and sharing our faith in Jesus Christ through our worship, formation and outreach.
With our cluster parishes, we strive to make Christ visible to our wider community.



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

Attendees: Pastoral Council members Debra Hintz, Rick Korpela, Pat Lehman, Sue Niemi, Sue Armacost, Les Paulson, Ralph Boeckl, Nicole Hartley, Barbara Holt, Patrick O'Neil, Bill Protz and Sue Wassenberg. No other parishioners were present.

Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.; Barbara Holt led the opening prayer.

Approval of the September 25, 2018 Minutes

A motion that the minutes of the September 25 minutes be approved was made, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports (questions/clarifications)

There was a question about the "Interfaith changed name to Unison" in the Human Concerns Committee report; this came about after Interfaith merged with another group.

Rick Korpela helped with the All People's meal program; Debbie and Bob Wazniak are doing good work there, along with Marquette students.

Barbara Holt promised that her next report would be "much shorter."

There was no printed report from the Finance Council.

Tri-Parish Meeting Follow up

Bil Protz, Pat Lehman, Sue Armacost, and Debbie Hintz offered comments, mostly frustration with no real sense of direction or purpose. Nicole Hartley and Bill Protz are in the writers group.

Fall 2018 Deanery 12 Meeting Report

Sue Niemi informed us that the Deanery meets three times a year to provide feedback to the archdiocese. The 175th anniversary of the Milwaukee archdiocese is observed from November 2018 to November 2019; take special note of local or deanery events to celebrate. The 2019 Parish Councils Congress on Saturday, February 2, 2019, includes Council chairs, trustees and perhaps pastors/administrators. The deanery also submits proposed changes to Council Norms including in *membership*, *Commission Officers*, *training new members* and *retreat practices for Councils*. (For our recommendations, see the following section.)

2019 Parish Councils Congress (Discussion on norms, training and retreats)

Things we might most wish to change we cannot (official teaching, canon law and such).

No changes in Council Norms were recommended, but a clarification could in *membership* should be made:

What does "in good standing" mean?

Smaller parishes, it was noted, have not enough numbers to fill all *Commission Officers* positions.

With regard to *training new members*, it was suggested that video training for individuals/groups be provided; do not demand additional training for council members.

Our recommendation for *retreat practices for Councils* was that Councils should be permitted to plan their own retreats as desired.

Sue Armacost noted the development of updated guidelines for taking the eucharist to the homebound/hospitalized; training will be provided.

Parish Director's Report

Fr. Greg Greiten and Debbie will be meeting with Bishop Haines and Anne Haines to discuss future developments in the area of Urban Ministry for the northwest side of Milwaukee.

The columbarium/cemetery fund will be divided (officially) into Perpetual Care and Operating accounts.

Attempts are continuing to get movement on church street sign installation.

Attempts are also being made to assess interest in a community garden.

Andy Kukec is having knee surgery on December 12 with hopes of returning to service in early January 2019; substitutes are being arranged.

What are you hearing?

Barbara Holt suggested using the hymnal more, especially at Christmas; Pat Lehman agreed.

It was noted that Andy Kukec is a real asset.

The Pastoral Council/Finance Council Christmas party will be held following mass on Saturday, January 5. Noting that he will be attending a rescheduled Trevor Noah presentation that night, Secretary Les Paulson asked to be excused and was told by Sue Niemi not to worry, inasmuch as no minutes will be taken that evening 😊.

Closing Prayer

All present joined in the Prayer at the End of the Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Les Paulson, Secretary