

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Milwaukee
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2020
6:30 pm Granville Room

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

Excused: Debra Hintz, Anisha D'Silva, Judy Dollhausen

1. Opening Prayer: Nicole Hartley

2. Approval of January 14, 2020 Minutes

Sue Niemi moved to approve the minutes and Nicole seconded the motion.

3. Comments from Parishioners Who Are Present

No parishioners were attending. A question was presented from a parishioner: Will Debbie be paid for the time when she is gone? There is 60-day disability. Debbie let the Archdiocese know her situation and they did not mention bringing in a temporary. If time needs to be extended, Finance Council will reach out to the Archdiocese. Rick will check with Jon regarding payroll.

4. Council Standing Committee Reports

Human Concerns: The next meeting is Mar. 9th at 6:30 p.m..

Prayer and Worship: The next meeting is TBD. Gretchen wants to bring the committee together which needs to be soon. The goal is to keep things going as usual.

Stewardship: This is the report for the Jan. 14th meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The Time and Talent campaign is postponed for this year.

The Financial Commitment Campaign is going well.

The Volunteer Appreciation Social will be held on April 24th.

Tri-Parish Christian Formation: The remaining meeting schedule for 2020 is Mar. 2nd and May 4th.

5. Finance Council Report: This is the report for the Jan. 23rd meeting:

Contributions through December 2019 are about \$3,000 over budget.

A second bid on the boiler mechanical plan has not yet been received.

Complaints have been received about the quality of our sound system and a bid for replacement was discussed.

The water issue at the parish-owned house has been resolved by well chlorination.

A contract for completion of the remaining columbarium work has been awarded.

This is the report for the Feb. 20th meeting:

The Finance Council agreed to accept the bid from Decibel for the church sound system.

Bids will be obtained for upgrading the security system.

Terms of The City School lease renewal were discussed as it expires on June 30th.

Parish contributions through January remain above budget.

During our meeting Rick indicated that our income is ahead of our expenses at this time. So, the Council is suggesting that the sound system be replaced now. Two bids were obtained. If Parish Council agrees, the proxy letter Debbie produced could be sent in to the Archdiocese.

The next meeting is Mar. 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Rick proposed that we use \$8,000 to replace the sound system. With no discussion, the Parish Council voted to go with whatever proposal is produced by the group studying the options most recently presented. A new lease is being worked on for The City School. They would like to renew for five years. When asked about the parish-owned house, the thought is to sell it once the renter leaves.

6. Membership Initiatives

Parish Hand-Out Flyer

The purpose of the flyer is to encourage current parishioners to stay as well as share with others.

Young Adult Group

Bill distributed a copy of the results of discussion with this subcommittee. Anisha would be in charge of the activities.

Men in Church

Bill looked online to try to understand why there are often more women in church than men. He felt it is important to recruit men. One suggestion is to encourage men to attend the Men of Christ Conference.

7. Disciple Maker

When mentioning the survey, it was suggested that the ease of answering be highlighted. Some Council members were concerned that the end result may not be as meaningful as the questionnaire our parish completed recently. We realize it is very important to Debbie and needs to be talked up.

8. 2020-2021 Parish Council Nominations

The nomination forms will be in the pews for the next weekends. The Committee will contact those who are nominated. The announcements are scheduled for the future bulletins. The calendar is set. By the next Council meeting, nominations would be available. Pat Lehman offered to do a short mention of the survey. She would emphasize the ease of completing the survey with radio buttons and no filling in for answers.

9. Parish Director's Report

The future leadership at St. Catherine's was discussed, from the viewpoint of the Archdiocese to the responsibilities of a parish director and who will cover those tasks now. Trusting in Debbie's concern and caring for St. Catherine's is key. There is no emergency pending.

An update on Fr. Joe's status was filled in as best as members knew. He'll be 80 next month.

The Marketing Committee has met and will need to know St. Catherine's approach for the Brown Deer magazine if we are to meet their Spring deadline which is after Easter. Bill felt it would be valuable to invite Catholics to "come home" rather than putting in activities and a calendar of events.

10. What are you hearing?

11. Next Meeting: March 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

[Nick won't be here for that meeting.]

12. Closing Prayer