

**St. Catherine of Alexandria**  
**8661 North 76<sup>th</sup> 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**

March 26, 2019



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

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Council Formation (Video and discussion)**

Debbie Hintz posed the question, Who can be saved? Answers included, All people, though not everyone knows that. All people, including those who do not believe in Jesus.

Why then tell of Jesus? Perhaps because exposure to the word of God, a connection with Jesus, is needed.

Video and response: Sue Wassenberg commented, We share to bring hope. Debbie Hintz and Barbara Holt suggested that there's work to be done in inquiring of people what their needs are, what really they want.

**Approval of March 5, 2019 Minutes**

A motion by Nicole Hartley, seconded by Pat Lehman, that the minutes be approved as printed was agreed to.

**Committee Reports (questions/clarifications)**

The 2019-20 budget is in process. We are presently getting bids for a number of capital improvements to see what will fit into the budget. We have not yet requested a proxy for the community garden as we don't currently have a good cost estimate.

**Pastoral Council Elections**

Four candidates have agreed to serve; there are even two other candidates who may be willing to serve beginning the following year. None of these candidates, observed Sue Niemi, were recommended by parishioners outside of current council members.

**Update on Planning Process**

Bill passed out a report of some length (2019 Strategic Plan II), suggesting that council members read it later on their own time. The six members of the Writers Group, he commented, asked Mark Kemmeter to revise Strategic Plan I with more of their ideas. He did so; the result of this revision, Strategic Plan II. There is a lot of depth, with hope and solutions suggested. "I believe and hope," said Bill, "that the Holy Spirit guided each participant. Hopefully those in charge of this project in the future will believe that too." Nicole Hartley opined that this report needs a broader input than the Writers Group alone. Debbie noted that further consideration will be given at a meeting on April 16 with Fr. Greg, Brad Berghouse, and Bishop Haines.

**Parish Director's Report**

Patti Beringer, reported Debbie, is excited about preparing the parish banner; someone is needed to carry it in the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary procession on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Columbarium sites are going fast, especially the companion niches (husband/wife) combinations.

Debbie is taking a part-time job at Cardinal Stritch University (but she is not leaving her parish director job early) as a coordinator of a study on parish directors. This will begin on July 1, 2019.

Planning for the community garden is proceeding; water saving tanks are to be connected with gutters. Help with funding, grants, and tax matters is available.

**What are you hearing?**

VOTE on or by Tuesday, April 2.

Bill Protz reported from some past participants who have questions about getting ready for Good Friday; this will be addressed. He also expressed concern about some apparent disintegration on church steps; this too will be addressed.

Something should be done about potholes and flooding at the end of 76<sup>th</sup> Place.

**Closing Prayer**

All joined in the Closing Prayer, after which the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Les Paulson, Secretary