

**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 5, 2019

**(This meeting took the place of our February meeting which was cancelled due to snow.)**

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

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Approval of November 27, 2018, Minutes**

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

**Parish Banner for 175 Alive - The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese**

Who can design a banner for the procession from Pere Marquette Park to the Cathedral on May 4, 2019? The archdiocese provides material. It was suggested that our building be part of the image. Patti Beringer might be able to work on this project; Rick Korpela expressed an interest in helping.

**Parish Councils Congress Report**

Pat Lehmann thought it was good, with practical suggestions; Sue Niemi heard some helpful history and insights. One priest even made proxies fun.

**Approval for Proxies**

The County Extension and Victory Gardens might be of help with our community garden. Nicole Hartley and Barbara Hunt have agreed to be part of the committee with Debbie. A proxy is needed to use about \$5000.00 in Faith in our Future funds; there was no objection to using Faith in Our Future funds, but rather unanimous approval. Parishioners or others can rent beds at a very reasonable cost; sixteen beds are proposed. The area will somehow be protected from deer.

House rental (the property we own at end of 76<sup>th</sup> Place): No lease exists; a new rent should be considered (increase from \$630/month to \$690/month). A proxy is needed from the archdiocese; there was no objection to seeking one.

**Review of Mission Statement**

How can we better put our mission statement before our community? It's on the home page of our parish website. Perhaps it could be printed on cards put in pews, the order of worship and/or with envelope packets. We are working to have it added to the bulletin cover.

### **Committee Reports (questions/clarifications)**

There were no questions or comments. Debbie noted that a meeting had been held with Fr. Greg, Bishop Haines and Anne Haines; another will be held.

### **Pastoral Council Elections**

Three new members apparently will be needed. Bill Protz urged that younger members be recruited. Sue Niemi reported that progress had been made in recruiting candidates.

### **Tri-Parish Writing Team Report**

Mark Kemmeter is retiring and there will be new leadership. The report that was produced had little to do with what the writing team produced, according to Bill and Nicole. Both Bill and Nicole are following up. The report was to be rewritten by Mark. Frustrations have been expressed with the overall lack of progress; time is running out. Sue Niemi thought new leadership would be good.

### **Parish Director's Report**

Casino Night was great! It was a sell-out; numbers are not yet officially available, but perhaps \$11,000.00 was raised. We have already scheduled next year's event for February 22, 2020.

### **What are you hearing?**

Patrick noted an inoperative ceiling fan in church. Rick noted that it might be useful to replace it, but there is no urgency.

There are potholes and flooding at the end of 76<sup>th</sup> Place.

Debbie is not available for the May 28 meeting; a decision on holding that meeting can wait until our April meeting.

Nicole suggested placing an ad in Brown Deer Magazine, which is distributed at the library.

Bill Protz wondered why Jesus can't (more often) be smiling in our artwork.

### **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