

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Attendees: Debra Hintz, Sue Niemi, Sue Armacost, Ralph Boeckl, Nicole Hartley, Pat Lehman, Bill Protz, Sue Wasserman and Barb Holt. Excused: Les Paulson, Rick Korpela, Patrick O'Neil

## Opening Prayer:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35. Bill Protz led the opening prayer.

## Approval of April 30, 2019 Minutes:

The Minutes were approved with the following changes: 1). Under "Planning for the Future Update", add "we always have 2 representatives at Deanery meetings; 2). Under "Planning for the Future Update, substitute "to buy into the promise of increased stability" with "to appreciate the promise of increased stability.

Barb Holt moved to approve the Minutes as revised. Seconded by Sue Wasserman.

## Council Formation Video and Discussion:

Debbie distributed an article, "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Word 'Evangelization.'" Council members were asked to read the article and discuss it at the next meeting. An accompanying video will be shown at the next meeting.

## Planning for the Future Update:

At last month's meeting, a planning committee was formed consisting of Debbie Hintz, Sue Niemi, Sue Wasserman, Barb Holt and Bill Protz. The committee met and brought their recommendations to the Council. Instead of listening sessions, the committee felt more parishioners would be reached if Debbie spoke at masses after Father Joe's homily on Pentecost, June 8/9. The purpose of Debbie's presentation is to inform our parishioners of what the immediate future holds for St. Catherine and to reassure them that our parish is vital and strong. Debbie will stress that we are not trying to restore the past but instead, we are concentrating on invigorating the parish for today. The Council agreed that Debbie speaking at Pentecost masses was preferable to listening sessions. Council members will be available after those masses to receive feedback and answer questions.

In addition, St. Catherine statistics will be provided to parishioners along with a short survey of 3 questions with the opportunity for parishioners to add additional comments and/or concerns. Parishioners will be given one week to return the survey. The survey will be available to be filled out online, as well. Sue Niemi will tape Fr. Joe's homily and Debbie's presentation so parishioners can go on line to hear it if they are unable to attend Mass that weekend.

In order to maximize the number of parishioners at Mass on Pentecost, council members will call 200 families. Barb Holt will work with Teresa to obtain the list of those parishioners and Barb will distribute them to Council members with a short script. In addition, postcard will be mailed to parishioners, urging them to come to mass that weekend. Debbie will follow up with an email the Monday after Pentecost to urge them to return the survey either by mail or on line and to watch the online video.

**Church Security & Crisis Planning Guidelines:**

A team will be formed to determine a plan.

**Committee Reports:**

Stewardship Committee report was submitted. The Council commended the committee for the wonderful Volunteer Social. In the future, the Volunteer Social will not be held on the first Friday of the month as there are competing activities going on.

**Parish Director's Report:**

Debbie will be meeting with the Finance Council this week to obtain approval for phase 2 of the Columbarium. In phase one, there are 72 units and phase 2 would add an additional 96 units. The parish has the \$25,000 needed to cover the cost. The Council unanimously supported beginning phase two. The Council felt this project speaks to how important our parish is to the life of the people of St. Catherine.

Debbie reported that the parish has turned down a \$1300 grant for the community garden because it required that the garden be handicap accessible. That would be cost prohibitive. Work to construct the garden will begin next week.

There will be three St. Catherine parishioners who will be confirmed on Saturday, June 1 at the 4:30 Mass. Bishop Haines will be here to preside. The balcony will be open.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25. At this meeting, new members will join the Council, with a potluck supper preceding the meeting at 6:00 pm. Outgoing members were asked to return their Council binders.

Submitted by Sue Armacost