

**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**

**June 25, 2019**

**Attendees:** Debra Hintz, Sue Niemi, Ralph Boeckl, Judy Dollhausen, Anisha D'Silva, Nicole Hartley, Rick Korpela, Nick Kwaw, Pat Lehman, Patrick O'Neil, Bill Protz, Sue Wassenberg and Barbara Holt. **Excused:** Sue Armacost, Les Paulson

### **Opening Prayer:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. after the Pot Luck Supper. Debbie led the opening prayer.

### **Introductions:**

Everyone gave a brief description of their activities in and for St. Catherine as well as how long they've been a member.

### **Approval of May 21, 2019 Minutes:**

Pat Lehman moved to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Nicole Hartley.

### **Presentation on Northwest Catholic and Seton:**

Principal Michelle Paris was unable to join us so this will be postponed to a later meeting.

### **Council Formation Video and Discussion:**

Debbie summarized the materials presented in the past year and then showed a video from "Jesus Camp." Discussion covered what Catholics think evangelization means versus what it is meant to be: living your faith.

Debbie mentioned that some of the survey results covered evangelization issues – letting people know we're here, we care, we want to be a stabilizing force in the area. She wants us to concentrate on doing these things in the coming year. Including the other two parishes in any data searches, etc. was suggested by Pat Lehman. Some Faith in Our Future funds could be moved into marketing again.

### **Planning for the Future Update:**

50 responses have come in so far. No one on Council had heard from anyone directly. There were more people in attendance that weekend so the post cards or calls seemed to be successful. Would the Council be willing to make calls in the future? Could the Communication Committee of a few years ago get together again? Does the

App need to be mentioned again? After a little more time, Debbie felt the original Planning group should meet again to view and discuss the survey results.

**Committee Reports:**

Nicole Harley suggested putting the Pending Activities from the Tri-Parish Christian Formation Committee in the Brown Deer magazine. (See NOTE below.)

**Election of Officers:**

After Debbie read from 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and prayers were said, she read from the norms about the duties of the Council Chair. With some discussion of duties, Bill Protz accepted the office of Chair, Judy Dollhausen as Vice-Chair and Barbara Holt as Secretary.

**Parish Director's Report:**

Debbie's report covered two topics. (1) Phase 2 of the Columbarium with 96 more sites has been approved for construction. Because the foundation has not been able to be poured due to rainy days, all five portions of the Columbarium will be installed in September. Pat Lehman suggested contacting the two local funeral homes about the availability of the sites for any of their clients. (2) Fr. Greg (Our Lady of Good Hope and St. Bernadette's) and Debbie met with the Archdiocesan director of Urban Ministries about moving forward with urban ministries. This includes meeting with Northwest Catholic and Woodlands re: connecting with young people, reaching out to the underserved.

After the closing prayer, the meeting ended at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Holt

NOTE: When sending your committee liaison reports to Barbara prior to our meetings, please include the date of your last meeting and only highlights of that meeting. If you know the next meeting date, include that as well. This text (with clarifications made at the meeting) will then be inserted in the council minutes as an official record. As an example, the last Stewardship meeting report could have been:

The Stewardship Committee met on May 20<sup>th</sup>; our next meeting is not yet scheduled.

- \* We finished reading and discussing *Stewardship – A Disciple's Response: Resource Manual*, the US Bishop's document on stewardship.
- \* We reviewed Time and Talent forms that had been returned to date – 51.
- \* About 70 people attended the Appreciation Social on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We reviewed the menu and made adjustments for next year. We will make sure not to schedule this on a first Friday in the future due to competing activities at the parish.
- \* Welcome cards for new parish members were signed.