

**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 26, 2018

**Attendees:** Pastoral Council members Debra Hintz, Rick Korpela, Pat Lehman, Sue Niemi, Sue Armacost, Les Paulson, Ralph Boeckl, Marie Brushafer, Barbara Holt, Jeanette McMurdo, Sue Wassenberg, Nicole Hartley, Patrick O'Neil, and Bill Protz. Absent was Lyn Keever (exc.).

**Opening Prayer**

After prayer and a very ample pot-luck meal (provided by most of the returning Council members), the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction of new council members**

Sue Neimi introduced newly-elected Council members Nicole Hartley, Patrick O'Neil, and Bill Protz to the others present. They were warmly welcomed.

**Acknowledgement of departing Council members**

Sue Neimi expressed appreciation for their dedicated service to departing Council members Marie Brushafer, Lyn Keever, and Jeanette MacMurdo. This appreciation was shared by all other members who had been their colleagues and by the newly-elected members who were already learning from them.

**Approval of the May 22, 2018 Minutes**

A motion by Pat Lehman, seconded by Sue Armacost, that the minutes be approved was passed.

**Selection of Committee Liaisons**

Information on Committee responsibilities and meeting times were provided by Sue Armacost (Prayer & Worship), Marie Brushafer (Stewardship), Jeanette MacMurdo (Finance), and Ralph Boeckl (Human Concerns); Debra Hintz spoke of the Christian Formation Committee. Council members were invited to submit their new or updated preferences.

**Partnership with St. Michael and St. Rose**

Partnership could assume various forms. A first step will be attending mass at St. Michael's on Sunday, August 26. Carpool arrangements will be made and an open invitation to parishioners to attend will be extended.

**Parish Leadership Update/Parish Membership Report**

Debra Hintz insisted that it is good for us to be in touch with what is happening. One-third of millennials are anti-church; majorities disagree with a male-only priesthood and/or with the church's sex-related teachings. Nicole noted that she can see these attitudes reflected in her own family. Bill noted that there are reasons, needing to be explained, why these teachings are important. It was suggested that funerals may be more instructive than baptisms.

### **Columbarium Approval**

Approval is needed to take the columbarium proposal before the archdiocese; the Pastoral Council does approve. Fifteen people have expressed interest so far; cremation is increasingly common.

### **Parish Street signs**

The Finance Council recommends, without disapproval, that “Faith in Our Future” funds be used for replacing these signs. Four signs – at 76<sup>th</sup> Street and 76<sup>th</sup> Place and at Brown Deer Road and 76<sup>th</sup> Place – are needed. Perhaps there should be a sign on the back of the food pantry also.

### **Update on Tri-Parish meeting**

The parish trustees, Council chairs and pastors/parish director of the three parishes met on June 13 with Fr. Tim Kitzke and Mark Kemmeter from the archdiocese. Meetings are yet to be scheduled with all three councils in the year ahead for the purpose of planning for the future.

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

The Finance Council again noted that budget updates will appear into the weekend bulletins.

### **Election of Officers**

The Rite of Discernment of Officers for Parish Council was employed at this point. Unanimously reelected were Sue Niemi as Chairperson, Sue Armacost as Vice-Chairperson, and Les Paulson as Secretary.

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

A significant number of those present had received the phishing email sent in Fr. Joe’s name.

Sue Niemi expressed thanks to everyone who had helped to prepare for this meeting and had taken time to attend it.

### **Closing Prayer**

All present joined in the Closing Prayer at the End of the Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Les Paulson, Secretary