

**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**

August 28, 2018

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

### **Opening Prayer**

Barbara Holt led the opening prayer, after which the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

### **Council Formation: Video and discussion on "Serving Absent Catholics"**

The interesting and informative video was shown, with a brief discussion following. Since there is no one reason or route for Catholics to become "inactive," attention must be paid to people where they are and how they view themselves. There are many reasons, some well founded, to distrust the institutional church, especially at a time when many other institutional allegiances are also questioned. We will be seeing more videos and learning more about our role in reaching out to others.

### **Mass at St. Michael's**

The church was full (and warm). Many of those present were young. Different languages were employed and there was a variety of music. What kind of help could we offer St. Michael/St. Rose parishes? There are particular physical and financial needs which could be addressed, but relational connections are more significant. It was noted that relational connections should be reciprocal. We can learn of other cultures and why people came here and how other people came to faith. Perhaps a choir exchange might be possible. It was suggested that a committee be formed to explore possibilities; Debbie Hintz will follow up on this.

### **Approval of the June 26, 2018 Minutes**

A motion by Barbara Holt, seconded by Pat Lehman, that the minutes be approved was passed.

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

A printed report from the Finance Council was distributed. The Finance Council related that rentals on our school building have been or are being paid and maintenance tasks (including to the school building, to the cemetery, and to the church's boiler) are being completed. Both the Tri-Parish Formation Committee and the Human Concerns Committee urged participation in the Tri-Parish reading of the book *Evicted* and both related plans for the year to come. The Prayer & Worship Committee emphasized our parish Mission Appeal on September 8 and 9 featuring our relationship with the La Sagrada Familia Parish in the Dominican Republic. There were no questions about or additions to the committee reports.

**Parish Director's Report**

The columbarium is moving ahead; the expectation is that it will be constructed by next spring with pre-sales this winter. There is an issue with our street signage; Parish Director Debbie will be dealing with this. We will be hosting the Tri-Parish meeting on Tuesday, October 30; Debbie will see to it that coffee and water are provided. What about our regular pastoral council meeting on October 23? It was agreed that this meeting would be cancelled.

**What are you hearing?**

People seem to be happy with our cemetery statue repair.

**Closing Prayer**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Les Paulson, Secretary