

St. Catherine of Alexandria
8661 North 76th 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

April 24, 2018

Attendees: Pastoral Council members Debra Hintz, Rick Korpela, Pat Lehman, Sue Niemi, Sue Armacost, Les Paulson, Ralph Boeckl, Barb Holt, Jeanette McMurdo and Sue Wassenberg. Absent were Marie Brushafer and Lyn Keever (excused). No other persons were present.

Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Jeanette McMurdo led the opening prayers.

Approval of the March 20, 2018 Minutes

A motion by Rick Korpela, seconded by Jeanette McMurdo, that the minutes be approved as presented was passed.

All About Caring Parishes-Focus groups updates

Representatives of St. Michael's and St. Rose's parishes will be present at our May 2018 meeting. Maureen Gallagher is excited to work on focus groups.

Pastoral Council Elections/nomination committee

Sue Armacost reported that there are four candidates – Nicole Hartley, Kevin Senfleben, Bill Protz and Patrick O'Neil – for the May 20 election. Those elected will be notified promptly.

Amazing Parish Conference

For this October 17-19, 2018, event, each parish's pastor or parish Director must be present for others to attend. There will be some preparation. A video on the Amazing Parish Conference was shown; the focus is on leadership and mission. The other persons attending will be in some measure chosen.

Committee Reports (questions/clarifications)

The Finance Committee reported that our current budget is likely to end in surplus. The school lease has been finalized; our bank balance is almost \$700,000 and growing. Health insurance (through the diocese) is with United Health Care and is paid on an actual cost basis.

Deanery report

Sue Niemi commented, and Sue Armacost concurred, that the most recent meeting was very long; many speakers spoke of the many good things their parishes were doing.

Parish Director's Report

The Volunteer Appreciation will be on Friday evening, April 27. Pledge reminders will be sent out in mid-year to assist people in knowing where they stand.

What are you hearing?

Jeanette McMurdo wondered why there had been no all parish meeting. Because there was nothing new or greatly significant to report. Debbie responded that plans are being made for focus groups and for cooperation at the tri-parish level; developments will be reported to the parish at an appropriate time.

Barb Holt mentioned that she really liked the prayer card in the stewardship mailing. Rick Korpela also commended Debbie on the stewardship brochure.

Debbie noted that people are saying good things about Holy Week worship; Ralph Boeckl commended the choir for its contribution to our worship.

Pat Lehman mentioned that the biggest challenge in the cleaning of the church are the seats and the cushions. It does seem that that the cleaning service seems to be doing well.

It appears that the Brown Deer United Church of Christ is closing, as also, it would seem, is St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

Barb Holt will be the prayer leader for May 22.

Closing Prayer

Jeanette McMurdo led us in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Les Paulson, Secretary