

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2021

Present Fr. Joe Aufdermauer, Mary Kay Dellemann, Dave Fennelly, Marty Gibbons, Kris Graf, Phyllis Granowski, Jim Kaminski, Charlie Kelly, Dave Knoll, Wendy Kopinski, Elaine May, Brigid Riordan, Dan Ryan, Jim Schutte, Sue Switalski, Dan Zautis

Excused Kathy Buyarski

Absent: Mike Flaherty

Guests Anne Dettlaff, Brian Sullivan

Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading

Charlie Kelly, Elaine May, Phyllis Granowski, Jim Kaminski, Father Joe

Read Vision and Mission Statement

VISION: To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service.

MISSION: We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship and ministry to others.

TAG LINE: Follow Jesus • Serve Others

Review and Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the April, 2021 meeting were approved, by the Council members.

Report from Father Joe Aufdermauer

1. A copy of the May 6, 2021 Catholic Herald article "Attorney General to Review Historical Abuse Cases" was distributed. The Wisconsin Attorney General is opening an investigation into clergy sexual abuse cases, but did not make clear what he was looking for. If anyone has questions or needs information on this, please contact Fr. Joe.

Report from Sue Switalski

1. Sue reminded everyone that there are sexual abuse survivors in this faith community and articles such as mentioned above, can be hurtful. Please keep our hearts open and be kind and considerate whenever we might discuss this situation.
2. Adult enrichment Christian Enrichment events are in the planning process. Let Sue know if you have any topic ideas.
3. Rebuilding Disciples and Seton Commission leaders are meeting this month.

Report from Dave Fennelly

1. Dave distributed the Finance Committee agenda from the April 20, 2021 meeting. Highlights include:
 - a. Income is six percent over budget.

- b. The west parking lot drainage, reconfiguration and repaving project should be completed by the first week in June. The work is being done by the same company that is repaving Howard Avenue which should also be completed at this time.
- c. Seton will hold a virtual fundraiser in July and August. A parish picnic celebrating Seton's 40th anniversary will be held September 12, 2021. The Seton FunFest committees will be organizing the food, tents, parking, etc. for the event that will be at no cost for all Seton parishioners.

Unfinished Business:

1. 2021 Pastoral Council Discernment
 - a. Recap of April discernment meeting and Next Steps
 - b. Six people interested in discerning came to the meeting.
 - c. The second meeting will be held May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Current council members should be present.
 - d. The candidates should take the Gift Assessment before the next meeting and return to David Knoll.
 - e. Council Function videos, viewed by the current council members have been emailed to the candidates.
2. Pastoral Council Liaison Update - There were no updates, since most of the activities have been canceled due to COVID.
 - a. Human Concerns – Mary Kay Dellemann, Brigid Riordan
 - b. Spiritual Life & Worship – Elaine May, Jim Kaminski
 - c. Parish Life – Kris Graf, Phyllis Granowski who introduced themselves to the Commission Leader
 - d. Christian Formation – ???
3. Information Booth
 - a. Council members wanted to bring out the Information Booth before and after weekend Masses. Dave Knoll will ask Nick to bring it to the Gathering Space. Brigid, Elaine and Marty will staff the booth this weekend. Members should sign up for weekend coverage. Sue Switalski will bring the parish information binder to the booth.

New Business

1. Purpose of the "Living the Gift of Sunday" initiative
 - a. Sue Switalski described the pamphlet's purpose of giving a good perspective to the Mass, especially for Catholics who are starting to come back to Mass now towards the end of the pandemic. Also, it helps to emphasize what Sunday should be, time with family, Mass, etc.
 - b. Some ways to distribute the pamphlet might include:
 - i. Christian Formation classes could discuss that Sunday should be a special day
 - ii. Seton ministries can use the pamphlet as a conversation starter about God in the work of the ministries.
 - iii. Send pamphlets to sister parish in El Salvador, nursing homes or senior residences.
 - iv. Have copies of the pamphlet in the Information Booth
 - v. Put a PDF pamphlet on the Seton website
 - vi. Mention the pamphlet during homilies, Facebook, etc.
 - c. David Knoll will summarize these thoughts in an email to Sue Switalski and Fr. Joe with assistance from Kris Graf and Jim Schutte. Planning can start at the June council meeting

and start to implement ideas in the fall with the new council members. Include discussion on how the council can help with some of the ideas, rather than giving the Seton office staff more work.

Prayer for Others

Closing Prayer

Prayer was prepared by Marty Gibbons

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be June 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM.