

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2021

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

Excused Kathy Buyarski, Dan Ryan

Newly-Discerned Members Anne Dettlaff, Nancy Jelen, Brian Sullivan

Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading

Marty Gibbons, Brigid Riordan, Dan Zautis, Mary Kay Dellemann, 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

The minutes from the May, 2021 Pastoral Council meeting were approved as written.

Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves including the newly discerned council members Anne Dettlaff, Nancy Jelen and Brian Sullivan.

Report from Father Joe Aufdermauer

1. Fr. Joe gave a short history of the beginning of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish from the original concept by Bishop Leo Brust in the 1950's to 1981 when SEAS first worshipped at the Resurrection Lutheran Church.
2. One handout showed the number of archdiocesan priests, listed by age. It appears that for the next five to ten years, we will have enough priests in this area. After that time, the number of active priests will be limited and changes should be anticipated.
3. Also distributed and read aloud by Fr. Joe, was a copy of a letter from Archbishop Listecky addressing the news of Wisconsin Attorney General launching a review of past reports of Catholic Church clergy abuse. Copies will be available in the Information Booth. Sue Switalski will write a bulletin article addressing the letter and where to find more website information.

Report from Dave Fennelly

1. The west parking lot repaving project is complete. Some landscaping has yet to be completed.
2. Dave distributed a copy of the Finance Committee Agenda from the May 2021 meeting. Income was eight percent over budget at the end of April. Dave highlighted the need to have funds in

savings for unanticipated expenses.

Report from Sue Switalski

1. Sue distributed and briefly reviewed a handout summarizing the Outreach Committee Grant and Parish Charities donations distribution.

Unfinished Business

1. 2021 Pastoral Council Discernment
 - a. New members Anne Dettlaff, Nancy Jelen and Brian Sullivan were welcomed. Council members who have completed their terms, including Charlie Kelly, Jim Kaminski and Kathy Buyarski, were thanked for their past commitment to the Council and asked to return their council member binders.
 - b. Dave Knoll will write a bulletin article thanking the members who are leaving the council and welcoming the newly discerned members.
 - c. Brigid Riordan mentioned that she has been in contact with Lisa Schalk and will write a bulletin article asking for volunteers and describing the duties for the Human Concerns Commission. People are needed to provide meals for two families in need. Caring Connections is always looking for more volunteers to serve more families in various ways.
2. Information Booth
 - a. A paper sign-up sheet for booth volunteers is available in the info booth for current and former council members to staff the booth before and after each weekend mass. Elaine May will monitor the sign-up sheet and send emails for any open available time slots.
3. "Living the Gift of Sunday" Discussion
 - a. What is the purpose of this initiative?
 - b. What can the parish leadership do to help?
 - c. Both questions will be discussed at the August 2021 meeting.

New Business

1. Summer Break – there will not be a council meeting in July.
2. Seton's 40th Celebration will be September 12, 2021 for parish members.

Prayer for Others

Closing Prayer

Prayer was prepared by Charlie Kelly.

Next Meeting

August 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Meeting will begin in the Sanctuary and move to the meeting hall. Dave Knoll will prepare the August agenda. The chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary positions will be discerned at the August meeting.