

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2021

Present Fr. Joe Aufdermauer, Mary Kay Dellemann, Anne Dettlaff, Mike Flaherty, Kris Graf, Phyllis Granowski, Nancy Jelen, David Knoll, Wendy Kopinski, Elaine May, Brigid Riordan, Jim Schutte, Brian Sullivan, Sue Switalski, Dan Zautis

Excused Dave Fennelly, Marty Gibbons, Dan Ryan

Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading

Anne Dettlaff, Nancy Jelen, Brigid Riordan, Dan Zautis, 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

Icebreaker

All attendees participated in an icebreaker activity that was introduced by Dave Knoll.

Review and Accept Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the June, 2021 Pastoral Council meeting were approved by all as written.

Report from Father Joe Aufdermauer

1. The Archdiocese sent out a communication to use good sense in making people feel comfortable when attending mass. At Seton, we have a separate section in the sanctuary for social distancing. Use of hand sanitizer and mask wearing is encouraged if a person feels comfortable.
2. A short description of the history of Catholic masses being said in Latin was given. Today, the archbishop must give permission for a mass to be said in Latin. Latin masses can be found in the Archdiocese on a regular basis in select parishes.
3. St. Stanislaus parish on Ninth and Mitchell was acquired by a separate holding company. The relationship between that parish and the Archdiocese is not specifically known.

Report from Sue Switalski

1. All members should review their contact information on the council member listing and email any corrections to Kathy Stawicki in the Seton office.
2. The Rebuilding Disciples Commission is having a spiritual workshop regarding the Seton ministries on October 9, 2021 from 9 am to noon. All Pastoral Council members should try to attend.
3. The Seton Council/Staff retreat is being planned for January 15, 2022 from 9 am to 3 pm at an off-site location. All members are asked to attend. Email Sue Switalski if this date works for you.

Report from Dave Fennelly

1. In Dave's absence, Mike Flaherty distributed the Finance Council notes from their July 20, 2021 meeting. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, total donations are ahead of the prior year by 6.1% and ahead of budget by 12.2%.
2. Mike described the increase in the parish cash balance. Anyone interested in a more detailed cash balance report for the last seven years should see Mike Flaherty.

Unfinished Business

1. 2021 Pastoral Council Discernment
 - a. The council met in the sanctuary at the start of the meeting to discern for council officer positions. After descriptions of each officer responsibilities and prayerful discernment:
 - Dave Knoll will continue as Chairperson
 - Dan Zautis will take over as Vice Chairperson
 - Kris Graf will take over as Secretary
2. Information Booth
 - a. Will be discussed at the September 2021 meeting. Council members should be prepared to discuss ways to attract more people to the booth.
3. "Living the Gift of Sunday" Discussion
 - a. Pamphlets were sent to parishes by the Archdiocese. Seton has about ten copies remaining of the thousand booklets received. The goal of the booklet was to have Catholics rethink how people live their Sundays.
 - b. Sue Switalski ran ten summaries in the bulletin, one for each of the ten pamphlet sections.
 - c. It was decided that each council member will write a short personal testimonial summary of how they live their Sundays after reading the booklet. Kris Graf will write the first article due to Mary Bostwick by August 9 for August 15 publication. Jim Schutte, Anne Dettlaff and Brigid Riordan will take the next three consecutive weeks.
 - d. Dave Knoll will explain the writings to Mary Bostwick so she is aware of the incoming articles. Dave will also send out a volunteer sign-up by email for the remaining weeks.
 - e. Jim Schutte will mention the pamphlet at the next Spiritual Life and Worship Commission meeting.

New Business

1. Pastoral Council Formation
 - a. Why Are We Here?
 - i. It was discerned that the Pastoral Council of Seton is a consultative body to the pastor and parish staff. It is not an executive body. But the council can take on implementation of some initiatives if asked or needed. Council can also identify issues and relate to the parish priest and staff.
 - b. "Rebuilt"
 - i. All council members should read this book. By using the ideas presented in the book, think of ways that will help Seton move forward and serve our online congregation as well as our congregation that is physically present in the church.

Prayer for Others

Closing Prayer

Prayer was prepared by Kris Graf.

Next Meeting

September 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm.