

SEAS Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 27, 2021,

Members in Attendance: Sharon, Steven, Barb, Kathy, Jeanne, Debbie, Jean, Angie, Culver, John, Bob, Fr. John Gagnier, James, Ann, Terry

Guests in Attendance: Chris

Excused: Mark

Recording Secretary: JoEllen

1. **Chairperson Comments:** James greeted and welcomed everyone.
2. **Open Forum:** Guest, Chris said he would wait until we discussed the Clustering transition
3. **Additional agenda items:** none
4. **Review/Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting** (July 26,2021)
Motion to approve, S., Second, D., motion approved by consensus.
5. **Old business:**
 - a.) **Complete sign-up for lector and closing prayer.**
 - b.) **Clustering Transition update:**
 - Not all Nativity Members were present.
 - Fr. Gagnier went over the **history of the Clustering** path the parishes of Nativity and SEAS parishes are on: Beginning with February 2020, when Clustering was announced to Fr. Joe, to the Fall of 2020 when Fr. Gagnier arrived at SEAS, September 8th, 2021, first formal planning meeting was conducted at NBVM..
 - **The Committee was divided into four major groups to assess where both Parishes are in their services and skills in various categories.** (Liturgy, Administration, Ministries, and Parish Life)
 - From there they will make recommendations for 2022.
 - Next meeting will be at SEAS on October 6. SEAS will provide the refreshments and necessary equipment, such as an easel and paper.
 - Chris Fisher added that while these groups are assessing the parishes present services and skills in both parishes, they will be gathering input from those that are familiar in their parish in these accent areas.

- Bob Ryan pointed out that this is the first meeting. He says that this is going to happen, and this can be a positive thing because it can bring out the strengths of both parishes. It will mean change, but it can be a plus for both parishes.
- **Chris Fisher addressed the concern about communication with SEAS parishioners** about the status of the meetings on Clustering. 1) After each meeting minutes will be forwarded to each parish. 2) Convey to Diocese (Shannon Kilbridge) our synopsis of our actions toward clustering. 3) This synopsis will be shared with both parish councils and Migrant Ministry. 4) Synopsis will go to Parish bulletins.
- Bob Ryan addressed John Wagner's concern about meeting the people we will be working with by telling the council that that is in the works.
- Sharon stated that there will be a note in the October 3rd bulletin from Fr. Joe updating parishioners on Clustering.
- Debbie Ryan told the council a get together is being planned with Fr. Hayes including the Clustering committee and both parish councils. (*Fr. John Hayes is Pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Caledonia, Churchville and Scottsville.*)
- **Logistics for next Oct. 6 meeting:** Parish Life will handle refreshments. An Easel will be provided, and J. Wagner will provide the paper.
- **Possible conflicts in scheduling for Oct. 6 meeting:** Fr. Gagnier will speak for Chris at Cluster meeting while Chris will represent Father at Liturgy committee meeting.

c.) Stations of the Cross update:

- **Crosses with numbers are finished.** Made by Bob, stained by Billie, Jessica did the lettering. They will be placed 3 inches under each station. The hooks are on the walls for each Station.
- **Communication with parish is Ongoing.** Chris spoke to parish about the Stations, introducing the examples. Fr. *Gagnier* also mentioned them, inviting parishioners to view them in the back of church.
- **Fr. Gagnier is trying to get a date to invite Bishop to bless them.** They will be installed the week before that date, and the parish will be informed before they are installed.

d.) Tabernacle Update:

- **Bob Ryan: A new direction came through the executive committee meeting on Sept. 1: We can have two Tabernacles.** It is unanimous that no one wants the Florida Tabernacle. We will look at what the Diocese has and go from there. We are taking a positive position from where we were. Kathy reiterated that this is a positive change from the negativity.

- **There is a small committee to check out the options for a Tabernacle in storage at DOR. Billie, Kathy, Fr. Gagnier and Chris.**
- **FR. Gagnier: Diocese is anxious for us to move along on this**
- In addressing the question regarding a second Tabernacle: We need a Tabernacle visible in the main church. Fr. Gagnier says it is like having two churches. We can have the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel Tabernacle during social events.
- **Chris Fisher expressed** concerns with the interpretation of Canon Law in regard to the placement of the Tabernacle and the number approved for a church. He is also concerned that this small committee will repeat the issues and difficulties the original ad hoc committee faced. Chris is comfortable with doing what will benefit the parishioners and their needs. If that means two Tabernacles at SEAS, he is willing to go with that Recommendation.
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6. New Business: Alternate Parish Council Members: JoAnn and Bill have moved to Florida. Jim says we go forward as is since we still have a quorum. Motion to approve, John, Second Cathy, Approved by Consensus.

7. Committee/ Stewardship reports:

Finance Committee Debbie defers to minutes from Finance Committee meeting.

- Deficit of 11,580, but a surplus of 17,000.
- Debbie hopes to communicate with the parish in the bulletin soon.

Motion to approve, Steven, Second Jean, Approved by Consensus.

Liturgy Committee: Barb Riddell deferred to the minutes. Motion to Approve, Debbie, Second, Steve, Approved by consensus.

Parish Life: Jeanne said they will serve cookies for the October 6th meeting. There is no staff to serve Breakfast. She asked if other parishes are doing a coffee hour. It was mentioned that St. John's and St. Mark's are. Bob offered to find out how they are going about that with Covid restrictions and get back to us

Executive - Bob deferred to the minutes. Motion to approve Jim, Second Sharon, Approved by Consensus.

Social Ministry - Upcoming collections for Babies and Mothers for Birthright and Women's Care Center. October 9-10, and 16-17. Motion to approve, Barb, Second, Angie. Approved by Consensus.

Faith Formation: Sharon Deferred to the minutes. The question was brought up if Sandy Schicker was going to attend Parish Council Meetings. Sharon explained that Sandy also works as a preschool teacher. Sharon will be representing Sandy for the time being. Motion to Approve, Debbie , Second, Steve, Approval by Consensus.

Facilities: Sharon stated that DOR says that all snow plowing contractors that work for our parishes have to be insured for at least 2 million dollars.

North Coast: 8,000 -salt: 350

Wagner was 4,000 -salt 100 (but only insured for 1 million)

LC properties, 7827.36 including salt.

Budget is 9,000 Finance Council has already approved the budget for Snowplow service.

Nativity and St. John's use LC Properties. Butch knows and recommends them. He will communicate with them if we have any issues.

This doesn't cover sidewalks. Nick can come in afternoons. Sharon has often done the shoveling in the past and will continue to clear sidewalks first thing in the morning on the weekdays. We have to appeal for Volunteers. Terry recommends a signup sheet for weekends. Concern about everyone's safety.

Motion to approve. Jeanne, Second, Angie, Approved by Consensus.

8. Pastoral Leader Comments: Fr. Gagnier is pleased that we are moving forward with the Tabernacle, he says it shows we can work together.

Looking for Volunteers. Fr. Gagnier says we need two weeks' notice for bulletin comments. Sharon will be on vacation October 5th -14th she says she will check emails.

9. Open Forum for Members. No additional comments.

Closing Prayer: Jeanne