

SEAS Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021

Members in Attendance: Sharon C, Steven M, Barb R, Kathy H, Jeanne L, Jean M, Angie C, Culver B, John W, Fr. John Gagnier, James F, Ann K, Terry P, Mark C

Excused: Debbie R, Bob R

Recording Secretary: JoEllen M

Guests in Attendance: none

- 1. Chairperson Comments:** Jim F: I looked at the notes from the committees and there's a lot of good stuff going on. I like that we are taking care of those less fortunate. (Referring to the Social Ministry minutes.) And thanks to everyone for all that you are doing.
- 2. Open Forum:** none
- 3. Additional agenda items:** none
- 4. Review/Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting: (Sept 27, 2021)** Motion to accept, Angie C, Second, Kathy H. Approved by consensus.
- 5. Old business:**

Fr. Gagnier: Regarding clustering committee: We need to discuss when and where to meet with pastoral councils. **Decided on Dec. 13.** We will work out a time and place.

Stations of the Cross: We are getting positive comments. They look really nice with how Janice painted the frames. The Bishop is pleased we did it with no cost.

Tabernacle: The Council went out to the narthex and looked at pictures of the Tabernacle that Billie, Chris, Kathy, and Fr. Gagnier chose. (20" X 14" with a 7" pinnacle on top – pinnacle is optional; Kathy suggests doing without the pinnacle). It will cost \$3,400 to refinish with a matte finish, not including shipping. Father Gagnier mentioned that a donation was made from his sister to cover much of this cost. He also showed the Council an altar top in his office that he has legs for that will replace the current altar in the Chapel. This top has a space for a relic. The altar currently in the chapel will be resized and moved to the sanctuary between the two chairs. This will be used to support the Tabernacle and has space for candles. Bob R said at the executive meeting that he likes the new tabernacle. Kathy noted: much better than putting a hole in the wall.

Motion to move forward with the new tabernacle. Angie C, second Kathy H. Approved by consensus.

6. New Business:

- **Culver B brought up the Synod:** Two-year Church/ World-wide Synod. Beginning October 17 through Spring 2023. Working together to address the problems facing the Church today. Information can be found on the website, www.synod.va. The Bishop sent out an email to parishes. Sharon said she will send out the information to Council members' emails. We need to read over this information before the next meeting. We need to formulate how we will proceed. It will impact every part of parish life, including Clustering.
- **Fr. Gagnier** said that the American Bishops are starting a program on the Appreciation of the Eucharist.
- **Concerning the CMA:** It was suggested that we invite a representative from the Diocese to speak at our Masses about how the money is used. Fr. Gagnier said there are videos available on the Diocese website. We can put the link in the bulletin.

7. Monthly Committee Stewardship Reports:

- **Finance Council:** In the R's absence, Culver B will report. Denise is leaving. Finance Director, Marisa, has been assigned to our parish. She works with St. Mark's, St. Lawrence, and St. Leo Churches. It was discussed that it would be ideal to have the finance director who works with Nativity. Fr. Gagnier was asked to request for this. Motion to accept was made by John W, seconded by Jeanne L. Approved by consensus.
- **Liturgy:** Barb R deferred to the minutes. Motion to approve, Sharon C, seconded by Jean M. Approved by consensus.
- **Parish Life:** Jeanne L; There is no report: we are just sitting in the background, because of no volunteers and the Rochester Diocese not changing COVID restrictions. Many of the volunteers have not returned to SEAS.
- **Executive Committee:** Deferred to the minutes. John suggested changing the order of the monthly committee reports from month to month. Motion to approve, Steven M, seconded Terry P. Approved by consensus.
- **Social Ministry:** Kathy H reports that the collections for the Women's Care Center and birthright were completed with additional donations of 265 dollars and gift cards. We are prepared for the future Veteran's Outreach speaker at both Masses this weekend. This was arranged by Wayne H. The Angel Tree will be up on November 5. Tree of Love dedication will be set up at a table in the Narthax this weekend. Motion to approve, Barb R, seconded, Jean M. Approved by consensus.

- **Faith Formation:** Sharon deferred to minutes. Motion to approve, Angie C, seconded Ann K. Approved by consensus.
- **Facilities:** John W reported:
 - Security issues:** There are still problems with doors left unlocked/alarm not set. We will keep addressing this.

Camera that feeds into family chapel doesn't work. It has been removed. We need to decide how to proceed with this. Sharon suggested that we may need it by Christmas Eve mass.

Volunteers Safety issues: John W read from Committee notes:

1. *Since Dick K's retirement the Facilities Committee consists only of volunteers. Dick would not allow volunteers or parishioners to take on risky work, like climbing on ladders, operating dangerous equipment, etc. Dick would always take on the riskiest work himself. Some Facilities members may have been required to sign a "hold harmless" f required by DOR to protect the Church should a volunteer be injured while working on SEAS property. During the past months volunteers and in some cases, parishioners (not referring to myself here) have been asked to take on work that required climbing on a ladder with the attendant risk of falling. I do not know if they were informed that if they were injured, they may be on their own for any injuries or financial losses should they occur. We need clear guidance from our DOR and our parish leadership as to the policy when asking non-SEAS employees to perform work that could result in serious injury and or financial loss. All Facilities volunteers should be given a copy of the policy and sign off to their agreement BEFORE being asked to do any volunteer work.*

Do not let volunteers work above floor levels.

Fr. Gagnier says we need to use Butch A more often, possibly a couple hours a week. He is not interested in set hours.

John says to save time, someone can show Butch where things are and what needs to be done.

Terry P offered to ask around if someone over 18 who is learning skills would like to work part time helping at church.

Kathy H suggested seeing if we can share services with St. Leo's or Nativity? Maybe this could be brought up at Clustering committee meeting.

Angie; can we give Butch a list and have John assist him by showing him around?

Motion to approve, Jean M, seconded, Angie C. Approved by consensus.

8. **Pastoral Comments:** Fr. Gagnier; CMA is at 20%. Information in bulletin is 5 days old, therefore, not the current figures. Success breeds success. The envelopes go to Ithaca. He checks the live Friday updates and the comparison to other parishes.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Stations of the Cross.

Fr. Gagnier asks if there is anything we want him to cover in Bulletin or at Mass

Closing Prayer: Steve M

2021-2022 Meeting Schedule / Lector and closing prayer:

(All meetings begin at 7:30 PM preceded by daily Mass at 7:00

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| <i>July 26, 2021</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| <i>September 27</i> | <i>Jeanne</i> |
| <i>October 25</i> | <i>Steve</i> |
| <i>November 22</i> | <i>Bob</i> |
| <i>January 24, 2022</i> | <i>Kathy</i> |
| <i>February 28</i> | <i>James</i> |
| <i>March 28</i> | <i>Angie</i> |
| <i>April 25</i> | <i>Culver</i> |
| <i>May 23</i> | <i>Jean</i> |
| <i>June 27</i> | <i>Father</i> |
| <i>July 25</i> | <i>Pastoral Leader</i> |