

SEAS Pastoral Council

Minutes for Monday – June 26, 2023

Pastoral Council Goal 2022 – 2023:

- *The Pastoral Council will increase attendance at our parish through personal contact with those who have left the parish during the COVID 19 restrictions and have not returned.*
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Attendance: Ann, Culver, Jim, Racheal, John, Alex, Kathy, Barb, Terry, Debbie, Mark, Bob, Fr. Gagnier, Dawn,

Guests: Randy, Linda, Delani, also Nick, Joey, Vern, Sue, Dick

Excused: Janice, Jeanne, Patty, and John

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS:

- Jim shared a prayer and then Welcome to our 4 new members, Randy, Linda, Cathy and Delani.
- Thank you to Terry, Racheal and Bob for their time and talents as members of our Pastoral Council.
- Election of new Officers will take place at the July Meeting. Suggest that everyone review the Bylaws for Officers' responsibilities and consider offering to serve.

OPEN FORUM (Guests):

- No Open forum comments– we welcome the spouses of our Pastoral Council Members while we shared a meal after the meeting.

REVIEW/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PC MEETING (May 22, 2023) Jim made a motion to have all Committee defer to written minutes and reports as submitted in order to keep the meeting short. Motion was seconded by Rachael, and consensus was reached.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE/STEWARDSHIP REPORTS: All committees deferred to their minutes.

- *Human Concerns/Social Ministry* Kathy
- *Faith Formation* Sharon
- *Facilities* Janice/Bob
- *Finance Council* Debbie – *Budget Discussion – Budget was sent out for review and approval. There are some unknown expenses – such SEAS share of the expenses for Fr. Marcoux with Nativity. The Diocese hasn't indicated what the breakdown will be. Also, we will need to look into what to do with the Rectory. Jim mentioned that he talked with PJ Ryan and he suggested that we might consider offering the house to a Migrant or Refugee family. Discussion re: rental and the implications for our Tax exempt status was also brought up. We do not have the staff or volunteers to deal with rental issues and maintenance of the property. We could use the funds from a sale of the Rectory to rebuild our savings – so that if we have a large expense/repair we would be able to handle the cost. More discussion will be needed once Fr. Marcoux arrives.*

Motion was made by Kathy to Approve the budget as it stands with the understanding that changes will be made once shared expenses are determined. Motion was seconded by John, and consensus was reached.

- *Communications* John
- *Liturgy* Barb - *Note: Liturgy will cut back on the number of meetings, they will plan meetings to be sure that all Liturgical Seasons are covered and planned.*
- *Parish Life* *Note – The leadership have stepped down from leadership. We will need to find new leadership for the committee to continue. Parish Life – helps to plan social events and celebrations at SEAS, along with Volunteer bakers and over seeing Martha Ministry – which also is need of leadership.*
- *Executive* Bob - *Note: There is a 9 Hole Golf Tournament being planned for the SEAS grounds – date to be determined. Nine holes – one club. Golf Course requires 18 teams of 4 golfers each - we aren't able to guarantee that number and would have to pay for any shortfall.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Settlement Payment has been made – Was due by June 1st. Funds came from our Communis Account and the Development Account. We have limited savings at this point.
- b) Notetaker – request had been in the bulletin and will be in the bulletin again this coming weekend. Rachael volunteered to be the Notetaker, as there has been no volunteers to date. If someone comes forward it might be possible to share the responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Selection process for executive council positions. Election of new Officers will take place at the July Meeting. Suggest that everyone review the Bylaws for Officers' responsibilities and consider offering to serve.

- Discuss joint or every other month parish council meetings as requested by Father Joe McCaffery – this will need to be discussed with Father Marcoux once he arrives.
- Council picnic – Thank you to everyone who attended and provided food.

PASTORAL LEADER COMMENTS: Fr. Gagnier had Jim hang his picture on the wall of past leadership. Father mentioned the fact that we reached our CMA goal with the help of a parishioner who donated \$5000 from the sale of their parents' home. He encouraged us to talk with Nativity to see what they do in order to reach their goal.

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS: Pastoral Council members wish Father well at his new parish. Father offered a prayer before dinner was enjoyed.

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule to be Determined.
Mass/Date/Time along with Lector/Closing Prayer TBD

At this time the Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24th. More details will be sent once arrangements have been made with Fr. Marcoux.