

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2023**

Present: Anne Dettlaff, Michael Flaherty (Trustee), Rachel Henderson, Nancy Jelen, David Knoll, Judy Kumprey (Recording Secretary) Paula Lucey, Jason Metz, John Plant, Dennis Sobush, Chase Stubley, Brian Sullivan, Sue Switalski, Father Joy Thachil, Sharon Wrotecki

Guests: Bob Ziegler

Absent: David Fennelly, Jerry Huber, Dan Ryan

Opening Prayer and Scripture Readings

Father Joy passed out the Gospel of Matthew 21: 33-43 which Chase Stubley read. People took turns reading the "Reflecting on the Gospel". There was discussion on what these readings meant to some of the members.

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 Minutes

The September minutes stand as corrected and approved.

Report From Father Joy Thachil

- A. Thank you for the new Pastoral Council members.
- B. Thanked the staff for sending out the newsletter.
- C. There will be a big Jubilee celebrating anniversaries for couples married 25 years and 50 years at St. Marys in Elm Grove October 28, 2023.
- D. Over 50 people came October 4th for training of eucharistic ministry. The cup of Jesus's precious blood will be re-introduced October 15/16, 2023
- E. A group, Students For Life, is coming October 15 with Pro Life Resources for anyone interested during donut Sunday.

Report from Sue Switalski

- A. Sue handed out a brochure on National Eucharistic Revival and backside was on the Synod (the synodal process.)

- B. Sue also handed out the Adult Speaker Series Encounter which will begin October 8/9 with Al McCauley. It goes from October through May, usually the 2nd weekend of the month talking about the sacramentals of the church. Father Joy said this is hoping to bring people back to Mass from the COVID times when people started watching Mass on the television.
- C. There will be a Pentecost Party here May 17/18, 2024.
- D. We are starting small groups this month for six weeks. If you have not signed up, think about doing so.

Financial Report from Mike Flaherty

- A. Mike said we are only two months into the fiscal year and we are about the same as last year.
- B. Paula Lucey has volunteered to be the Pastoral Council member to attend finance meetings. It was decided to wait until they appoint a new chairperson.
- C. Anne brought a card for everyone to sign for recognizing Otto Radtke's many years of service.

Unfinished Business

- A. Commission heads have all volunteered to help with the Information Booth. Dave Knoll will talk to Jane about working on this. There will be an orientation/information session on what the Information Booth is about
- B. Father Joy brought up having training for Pastoral Council members. Laura Engel will come to our church for training of Pastoral Council and Finance Council members and it will also be open to anyone interested. Past training with break out sessions was really good.

New Business

- A. Mike Flaherty read a letter from the Most Reverend Jerome Lisecki regarding the Love One Another Campaign (LOA). Dave Knoll said we participated in phase 2 with making phone calls and home visits and getting pledges. The 40% collected for the archdiocese goes for priests retirement, poorer parishes that need help with operational costs, Catholic ministries among other areas. The letter talks about phase 5 involvement. There was much discussion about LOA. Seton is currently giving 10-12% to outside charities.
- B. The topic of our 25th anniversary of our new Sanctuary will be tabled to the November meeting.
- C. Father Joy addressed the item under new business regarding collection baskets during offertory. It has been decided that there will be two pedestals with baskets for collection at the end of each service.
- D. Fr. Joy mentioned about having a 25 year anniversary for our new Sanctuary to be discussed at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

Prayers

Prayers were offered for many people.

Closing Prayer

Dennis Sobush did the closing prayer.

Next meeting is November 9th 2023 at 6:30 p.m.