

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Approved Meeting Minutes for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present: Father Joy Thachil, Rachel Henderson, Nancy Jelen, David Knoll, Jason Metz, John Plant, Dan Ryan (Trustee), Dennis Sobush, Chase Stublely (Recording Secretary), Sue Switalski, Sharon Wrotecki, Rita McGann (Finance), Anne Dettlaff, Michael Flaherty, Jerry Huber, Brian Sullivan, Paula Lucey

Guests: N/A

Absent: N/A

Opening Prayer and Scripture Readings

Turns were taken reading the Gospel and insight.

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

March minutes postponed till May.

Report From Father Joy Thachil

- A. Successful Easter celebration, now to begin planning and brainstorming for how to grow the Seton community in the coming year.
- B. New security system installed:
  - Cameras
  - Electronic doors- old keys still work
  - Ministry leaders will receive key cards
  - Monitor located in the parish office
  - Upcoming new backup generator
- C. Suggestion to add four evangelist statues in the gathering space, currently pending at an approximate cost of \$700-800 per statue.
- D. Crucifix on the stairwell to be moved into Sippel Hall to improve on honoring the holy item.
- E. Suggestion to clarify what level of participation is required for those attending holy week activities.

### Report from Sue Switalski

- A. Pastoral Council discernment to begin.
- B. Council members to approach potential candidates to personally invite them to join— attempt to ask at least three people.
- C. Committee will comprise of at least one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year member.
- D. Sue will send out pamphlets.
- E. No in household family members of council or staff members.

### Financial Report from Rita McGann

- A. Budget for the current year is good; exceeds 1.6%.
- B. Monthly contributions are relatively the same compared to last year.
- C. Saving on expenses overall.
- D. Cash reserves are stable.
- E. Offertory has declined compared to last year but is stable with current budget needs.
- F. Consider raising awareness about planned giving.
- G. Consider creating a census for new vs. lost parishioners.

### Unfinished Business

- A. L.O.A. Draft Letters
  - Updated language and reformatted sentence structure.
  - Communications head will perform a second review, scheduling of letter distribution will occur after this.
- B. Sanctuary 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Bishop unavailable for current date. Original event date to be maintained.
  - Invite former priests and deacons.
- C. Easter Feedback
  - Enjoyed Fr. Joy's singing.
  - Online viewing effective.
  - Holy Week activities remain unique compared to other parishes.

### Prayers

Prayers were offered for many people.

Next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 unless a schedule change occurs.