

Approved Pastoral Council Minutes, October 2, 2025 Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

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.

Meeting Notes

Attending: Father Joy Thachil (Parish Priest), Mike Flaherty, Dan Ryan (Trustees); Sue Switalski (Parish Associate), Rita McGann (Finance), Dave Knoll (Parish Council Chair), Paula Lucey (Parish Council Vice Chair), Ellen Park (Secretary), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Dave Chudy, Fidel Mangwiza, Rachel Henderson, Jim Schutte

Excused: John Plant, Mickey Holtz, Anne Dettlaff

Absent:

The Vision and Mission statements were read, as well as the tag line.

The minutes from the meeting on September 11 were approved.

Dave's Icebreaker: Where did you grow up and tell us something about it; members shared memories.

Reports

Father Joy:

- Thanked all who assisted at the funeral for former Seton Pastor, Father Steve Amann.
- Council Retreat: scheduled for September 27, was canceled, due to the illness of the presenter; will try to reschedule in January 2026.
- October is the month of pro-life; Sue and the Formation Team will be active in incorporating information relative to pro-life.
- October is also the month of missions; World Mission Sunday will be celebrated at Masses on October 25 and 26, with emphasis on our sister parishes: St. Michael's Parish, Holy Family Parish and St. Vincent Pallotti School in Zambia, Southern Africa.
- ReConnect: starting with 10 volunteers making phone calls and visiting those isolated and no longer active, bringing them back to church, if possible. Nuns from Mother of Perpetual Help Parish continue to be of assistance to the volunteers.
- Will be on vacation for the month of November.

Rita McGann:

- Collections: on a par with last year; the parish, though fiscally very conservative, has sufficient amounts of money; always keeps a reserve. Mike emphasized that the Finance Committee Report contains only contributions; other parish revenue is not reflected in it. Rita will provide comparative year-end numbers for monthly envelope contributions, offertory collections, and building improvement contributions from the past five years.

Sue Switalski:

- Family Formation: 90 middle school and high school participants registered.
- OCIA: presently has five candidates.
- Youth Ministry: Samantha Taylor (Sammy) is the new Youth Minister.
- Migrant Ministry: partnering with Holy Apostles and St. Luke Parishes; Friday, October 3, Stations of the Cross at Holy Apostles; Saturday, October 4, speakers at Holy Apostles and at Seton.
- The Chosen video: Presentation continues.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Preparations continuing.
- Speaker Series: Dr. Dan Scholz will be speaking on October 12 and 13; Jim Schutte will be speaking about funeral planning on October 26 and 27.

Old Business

- Council members' terms: Mike suggested that we formalize where council members discern today and file that document, in addition to the minutes of the meetings.
- Stewardship Workshop: Select a speaker, surveying Council members as to best day for the presentation.
- Small Groups: starting October 12; link on website to sign up. Council members are encouraged to participate, as content is specific to Seton Parish.

New Business

- Stewardship: main focus for Seton this year; no movement from previous discussions; need to define Stewardship: not just money but time and talent too. Get parish involved; form a committee of a few Council members for leadership. Dave will meet with Father Joy and Sue to determine where we are going with Stewardship; refocus at the next meeting.
- Wine Tasting Fundraiser: February 14, 2026.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others; Father Joy led members in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, October 30, 2025.