

Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, February 6, 2025, 6:30 PM

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 (Pastor), Michael Flaherty (Trustee), Dan Ryan (Trustee), Rita McCann (Finance), Sue Switalski (Pastoral Associate), John Plant, (Parish Council Chair), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Anne Dettlaff, Mickey Holtz, Jim Schutte, Chase Stubley, Rachel Henderson, Jerry Huber, Dave Chudy

Excused: Dennis Sobush, Paula Lucey

Absent:

John opened the meeting, welcoming the new member, Dave Chudy.

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

All previous minutes will be reviewed by council members and changes noted to be made. Father Joy, Mike Flaherty, and Rita McGann met and drafted new procedures for the taking and distribution of the minutes.

Reports

Father Joy:

- Thanked all, especially staff, for taking care of the parish in his absence
- Beth Pirkey has resigned from her position with the parish.
- Dan Ryan will be making a presentation, to the parishioners, for Stewardship Appeal, at Masses this weekend, February 8 and 9; Rita McCann will be making the presentation on the following weekend, February 15 and 16.
- A prayer for stewardship, during these weekends, will be included in the orders of worship and prayed together after petitions.
- Trying to schedule a date for the new archbishop to visit our parish

Sue Switalski:

- This weekend is the celebration of St. Blaise; parishioners may have their throats blessed.
- Need three people to help with discernment for next year
- Members of the Pastoral Council are asked to write articles, in the bulletin, during Lent.
- Because Beth is leaving, we need a volunteer, from the Pastoral Council, to read parish updates at Masses.
- During Lent, the Migrant Ministry will be sharing the work that they do in the parish.
- There are three people in the OCIA program, preparing for entrance into Catholicism.

Rita McGann:

- Presented the year-to-date financial report (July 1-December 31); comparison to last year is about even; very good cash reserve

Old Business

New Business

- There has been a paradigm shift of finance and stewardship; Stewardship Appeal exemplifies the sharing of what we have.
- John and others who attended the installation of Archbishop Grob shared their experience.
- On March 22 and 23, the parish will host Celebrating Our Community Partnerships Weekend. This is being held to acquaint parishioners with charities that have been assisted by Seton. Members of the Pastoral Council are asked to introduce themselves after Mass.
- Anne Dettlaff shared that we need to become more organized when there is a medical emergency during Masses. She feels that live streaming has to be paused due to HIPAA restrictions. Kudos to Dennis Sobush for his passion seeing that AED/CPR training is happening for our ushers as witnessed at Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm Mass. This training should continue. A number of these medical emergencies are diabetic related; there is glucose gel in the CPR/AED case for use.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others.

Father Joy led members in praying the Our Father.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, March 6, 2025.