

Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, December 5, 2024, 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), Sue Switalski (Pastoral Minister), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Dennis Sobush, Anne Dettlaff, Mickey Holtz, Jim Schutte, Paula Lucey, Ministry Support Team Members: Beth Pirkey, (Ministry Connections Coordinator), Jayne Finn, Bob Ziegler (Guests)

Excused: John Plant, Jerry Huber, Rachel Henderson, Dan Ryan

Absent: Chase Stublely

Paula opened the meeting, followed by Gospel readings and discussion by Council members.

The Vision and Mission statements were read.

John had emailed copies of the Pastoral Council's minutes, from May to October 2024, for Council members to read and propose changes. All minutes have been corrected. Minutes from the November meeting will be presented for approval at the February 2025 meeting.

Reports

Father Joy:

- Bishop Jeffrey S. Grob, currently an Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, will be installed as the twelfth Archbishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee on January 14, 2025.
- Thanks to Dennis Horbinski for polishing the door knobs on the church doors.
- Thanks to Building and Grounds Committee Volunteers for installing new windows on the classroom doors.
- The funeral of Archbishop Sklba was held on December 4.
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on December 9; there will be two Masses; all information is in the bulletin.

Sue Switalski:

- To differentiate between parish grants: the Outreach Grant is a budget line item; this year, there were more requests than grant money available. Parishioner Involved Charities are specific to charities with which our parishioners are actively involved.
- To see the faces of those charities receiving aid, and to cultivate closer relationships with them, some of the groups being helped by the parish will be coming to Seton on March 22-23.

Rita McGann:

- Presented the year-to-date financial report (July 1-October 31).

Old Business

New Business

Beth Pirkey: Ministry support team presentation of stewardship

- This group, organized three to four months ago, is in place to strengthen communications with everyone, all ministries. Council members gathered into small groups to discuss what stewardship means to them. In the follow-up discussion, each group shared their objectives: becoming engaged, not just showing up; not merely writing out a check; accountability and responsibility; sharing what you have; going beyond people in pews; difference between charity and social change.
- Beth followed with a short slide show emphasizing that there are two ways of looking at everything: ownership (I own my gifts) and stewardship (I am the manager of God's gifts). Everything flows through the Eucharist; when we say, "Amen," we come together in community.
- How do we start the mind shift in the parish? It will be a gradual movement in narrative, with no major changes happening this year. Creation of a subcommittee(s) may be needed.

Paula led members in praying the Our Father.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, February 6, 2024.