

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2023**

Present: Dave Fennelly (Business Manager), Michael Flahety (Trustee), David Knoll, Judy Kumprey (Recording Secretary), Elaine May, Jason Metz, Brigid Riordan, Dennis Sobush, Brian Sullivan, Sue Switalski, Father Joy Thachil

Guests: Sam Lee, Paula Lee, Matt Pirkey, Ray Prondzinski, Sharon Wrotecki, Bob Ziegler

Excused: Anne Dettlaff, Kris Graf, Jerry Huber, Nancy Jelen, Dan Ryan, John Plant

Opening Prayer and Scripture Readings

Brigid Riordan, Brian Sullivan, Dennis Sobush read the readings. David Knoll read the Gospel. Several people read "Reflecting on the Gospel". Then there was discussion on the readings.

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

As an Icebreaker everyone discussed what Vision, Mission, and Tag Line meant to them.

Review and Accept Minutes From Previous Minutes

Per David Knoll the June and August Pastoral Council minutes will be corrected and accepted next month.

Report From Father Joy Thachil

1. Father Joy said he is very pleased to be here and feels it is a great opportunity to be here.
2. He is very impressed by the charities the church is involved in.
3. He met many parishioners at the Fun Fest and many people from other parishes.
4. He has one request: Invite more young people (high school and college age students) to become acolytes.

5. He handed out a sheet on sessions for "Parish Councils Orientation and Review" put on by the Archdiocese in August and September. For more information contact Laura Engel at 414-769-3354.

Report from Sue Switalski

6. Sue thanked everyone who was involved with all of the receptions. Also she thanked everyone involved with Fun Fest.
7. She said the VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) has over 70 children involved.

Financial Report from Dave Fennelly

8. Dave Fennelly gave the financial report and stated that at this time the church is doing very well. Father Joy thanked both Dave Fennelly and Mike Flaherty and the Finance Committee for their great jobs regarding the church finances.

Unfinished Business

9. David Knoll said we need three people for Pastoral Council and asked if council members have asked anyone they knew if they were interested in becoming a council member. He said we actually need four new members. Most of the council members stated they have talked to one or two people about this issue.
10. You can have youth members 16 years of age or older.
11. David Knoll asked Father Joy if he would approve council members taking about 2-3 minutes at the end of mass to talk. Brigid Riordan brought up the point that two members were recorded last year and it was very well done. Could they possibly use the same video recording. David Knoll will reach out to the technical team about this.
12. The discernment meeting will be August 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the reflection room and that some council members should be there. Dennis Sobush, Elaine May, Brigid Riordan and Jason Metz said they would be there. The 2nd discernment discussion will be September 7th at 5:30 pm.
13. Testimonials will be August 12th and 13th.

New Business

14. Discussion took place on sharing the cup of Jesus's precious blood during communion at future masses. Everyone seemed in consensus with doing this.
15. Sue Switalski stated that Holy Apostles church will be starting this September 2nd and 3rd.
16. When looking into this we should check with Sharon Anderson and Jim Schuette to get their input on whether we may need additional eucharistic ministers. David Knoll said he could bring it up at the CARE meeting this week to get input.
17. Brigid Riordan mentioned that it should be brought up to parishioners that if they choose to not partake of Jesus's precious blood during mass, they could share some sort of reverence as a bow of the head or the sigh of the cross.
18. Paula Lucky, a guest, suggested that it be posted that if you are feeling unwell in any way, that you do NOT participate in sharing the blood of Christ.

19. David Knoll decided to table discussion on “The Future of the Information Booth” as it is nearing 8:00 pm.
20. Dennis Sobush stated that several parish members are concerned about no rails on the new concrete. There should be two rails. He said it is in the works. He stated that disabled people may need help getting into church. Using a wheelchair was an idea. We do have one now, but may need two.
21. Dennis Sobush said he would like to see Rapid Response training for ushers. As mentioned at the last meeting 27 members of church have already been trained.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Prayers were requested for many people that need the Lord’s help.

CLOSING PRAYER

Elaine May said the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be on September 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.