

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Approved Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2023**

Present: Anne Dettlaff, Michael Flaherty (Trustee), Rachel Henderson, Nancy Jelen, David Knoll, Judy Kumprey (Recording Secretary) Jason Metz, John Plant, Chase Stublely, Brian Sullivan, Sue Switalski, Father Joy Thachil, Sharon Wrotecki

Guests: None

Absent: David Fennelly, Jerry Huber, Paula Lucey, Dan Ryan Dennis Sobush,

Opening Prayer and Scripture Readings

Anne Dettlaff read the Gospel and then Jason Metz, Rachel Henderson and Sharon Wrotecki read the Readings. A lot of discussion followed.

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 Meeting

The October minutes stand as corrected and approved.

Report From Father Joy Thachil

- A. All Saints Day had about 100 people attending the a.m. Mass and another 100 people attending the p.m. Mass. At the Remembrance Mass outside people also attended. It was a very moving experience. Father Joy thanked the Bereavement Committee and the choir for the celebration and the reception. Also thanked John Anderson for help with the set up.
- B. Moving into the Thanksgiving season: Last year 600 boxes were donated and our church was the highest donator. Hopefully, we will reach this goal again this year.

Report from Sue Switalski

- A. Remembrance Mass: Father Joy had the parish give each family an angel ornament which was greatly appreciated.

B Outreach:

Thanksgiving boxes are well underway. As you know a big parishioner community-building event. What we do and why we do it. This is a Christ-centered activity;. Giving trees go up November 18/19 - Recipients are Life Navigators and Migrant Ministry Families.

Outreach grants meet next week on Wednesday.

Parishioner involved Charities meet next Thursday.

C. Formation:

Formation Classes in full swing

Skylar and Teens are getting ready to go to NCYC (National Catholic Youth Rally in Indiana, November 16th. There are about 10 teens going. Anne Dettlaff shared what an awesome event this is for our youth (teens).

Dr. Dan Scholz will be here on Monday night to speak on the Gospel of Mark and the Eucharist (Recall in the year of the Eucharist).

There is a new ministry you may have heard about-the Ministry Support Team. Made up of three commission leads, Father Joy, Beth Pirkey, Dave Knoll, Sue Switalski, Bob Ziegler and Kathy Stawicki. The ministry is exactly what the name indicates - they seek to be an active support ministry for ministry leads.

Financial Report from Mike Flaherty

- A. Mike Flaherty gave the end of October report.
- B. Weekly envelopes and building improvement are about 11% below our budget.
- C. The festival brought in about \$130,000 and about \$95,000 of this was sponsorships which are very important.
- D. Mary Kettlewell was named the chairperson for this year.
- E. There will be no auction in 2024, but it may be resurrected in 2025. It has been a significant income generator for the church.
- F. Sue Switalski put out the possibility of having a beer and wine tasting fundraiser in the future.

Unfinished Business

- A. LOA Campaign: Many people (Dave Fennelly, Mike Flaherty, Nancy Jelen, Jason Metz, David Knoll) attended a meeting with Andy and Mandy. They are proposing to start the campaign up again. There was talk about all of the other charitable services the church is involved with. Going through the LOA again could be a negative experience. Might go back to 40% over five years.
- B. A letter was sent to Andy to take to the Archdiocese. The letter was signed by the Pastoral Council Chair, the Finance Committee Chair and the Trustees. Andy seemed to understand the Pastoral Council's feelings about this campaign.
- C. Mike Flaherty said we have no problem supporting the archdiocese.

- D. Mike also said there are three main issues they are concerned with; 1. Taking care of our own problems when improvements are needed; 2. Doing our own charities and 3. Having a rainy day fund.
- E. 25th Anniversary for our new Sanctuary: Could possibly be held the weekend of Pentecost (Memorial Day Weekend). Maybe some Pastoral Council members and people from other ministries could volunteer to help with this celebration. Christian Formation might have some ideas. David Knoll will talk to the Commission heads about helping.

New Business

- A. Collection baskets on pedestals: From an engineering stand point David Knoll suggested four baskets instead of two. This was thought to be a good idea.
- B. We will be starting to use a QR code in the bulletin for weekly giving. Tom is working on this. We have many different ways people are already donating weekly, online etc.
- C. Name Tags: All ministry people should have their name tags for different events, like donut Sunday. There is talk about having a common place at church for name tags so you don't forget them at home.
- D. Deanery Meetings: Elaine May and David Knoll have been attending these meetings. There are about 13 parishes in the Deanery. At these meetings it is discussed what works at other parishes and what doesn't work. They are held two times a year, in April and in October from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at different locations. Two people need to attend. If a Pastoral Council member volunteers to attend for the parish, Elaine will step aside.
- E. Retreat: The staff and Council retreat will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 am til noon at Seton. There will be about 40 in attendance (Pastoral Council members; Finance Committee members; Staff; and Commission Heads).
- F. David Knoll stated that someone mentioned they missed the articles that were inside the bulletin on the inside cover page which led to discussing this issue. There are many different themes that could be considered for this article. It will be looked into continuing this procedure.

Prayers

Prayers were requested for many people in need and for peace in the world.

Closing Prayer

Chase Stublely said the closing prayer.

Next meeting is December 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.