

Minutes - St. Cecilia Pastoral Council
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 7:00 pm, Social Hall

Present: Father Jim Secora, Rick Brimeyer, Kathy Ramirez, Ric Nelson, Joel Rogers, Jim Stuart, Ron Barnett, Kathy Wipf, Bill Haas (Stewardship), Mark Moore (Finance Council), Susan McNicholl (Catholic School Board), Joe Baumgarten (Faith Formation Commission)

Excused: Sarah Swanson, Dorothy Sally

Staff: Bob Hauser

Guest: Jeff Witt, Sue Griffith

1. **Call to Order:** Ric N. called the meeting to order at 7:00. Because new members were present, everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Agenda Changes:** Two guest speakers were present, and moved to the beginning of the session
 - a) Jeff Witt (Facilities Committee) provided a written update, an oral summary and answered questions regarding the failure of the front façade of the narthex. Steps going forward include soliciting bids for services for diagnosing specific causes of failure and repairing/upgrading to resolve the identified issues, with an ideal completion date of this fall. Archdiocese is involved because of the cost of the project.
 - b) Sue Griffith (leadership team, Stephen Ministry), presented highlights of the past four years from a written report. Mark Moore contributed a testimony as a Stephen Minister. Pastoral Council members stated support for this ministry.
3. **Opening Prayer/Reflection/Discussion:** Jim Stuart led reflection of Chapter 6 of "Church of Mercy."
4. **Election of Officers and Liaison Assignments**
 - a) **Election of Officers:** Was discussed. Nominations were requested in order: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. In each case, the current office holder was asked to remain, and through consensus, each will continue: Ric Nelson as chair; Joel Rogers as vice chair; Kathy Wipf as secretary.
 - b) **Liaison Assignments:** Rick Brimeyer pointed out an overlap in some assignments. This was taken into consideration in the 2016-17 assignments, which are as follows:
 - Liturgy Committee – Dorothy Sally
 - Faith Formation Council – Joe Baumgarten
 - Catholic School Board – Susan McNicholl
 - Stewardship Committee – ??? New chair replacing Bill
 - Social Justice Committee – Sarah
 - Parish Life – Ron Barnett
 - Finance Council – Mark Moore
 - Business Manager – Char VanKerckvoorde
 - IT Committee – Bill Haas
 - Elections – Jim and Kathy R
 - CCC Meeting Coordinators – Kathy R and Joel
5. **Visioning Update: Finance Council (FC)** - Mark Moore provided brief comments on FC initiatives
 - a) Ensure viable financial resources for lifelong faith formation – green/excellent condition
 - b) Develop a (5-year) plan to enhance or replace the existing facilities – yellow/slow progress; awaiting sufficient information to proceed.
 - c) Refine the budgeting process to improve communication between Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Staff *and the parish* to provide more transparent financial direction – yellow/slow progress; consideration being given to how to best accomplish this.
6. **Old Business**
 - a) **Christmas Market:** Will be taken up in August when Sarah is present.

- b) **Stewardship Action Plan** – Approved as presented by Bill. The need for monitoring/tracking volunteer hours was discussed with mixed reactions. Susan will investigate the benefits and a process for tracking.
 - c) **Mass Counts** – Father Secora explained the importance of an accurate and consistent method to collect this statistic. Dorothy and Kathy W. will form an ad hoc committee to develop a process.
 - d) **Nomination and Elections:** The difficulties of youth participating on PC were discussed. It was determined that given sufficient communication mechanisms and leadership opportunities within Youth Ministry, YM representation would be phased out.
7. **New Business**
- a) **Narthex** – as above
 - b) **Stephen Ministry** – as above
 - c) **Next Council/Commission/Committee (CCC) Meeting** – scheduled for October. Joel and Kathy R. will organize. Rick B. will continue to offer support.
8. **Committee and Board Reports (provided in packet).** In addition to written reports, the following was stated:
Faith Formation Council – Father Secora announced that Ricardo Garcia, middle school youth minister, submitted his resignation today, June 28. Faith Formation leadership will determine replacement process.
Stewardship Committee – Jim acknowledged Bill Haas, who is stepping down as leader, for his many years of diligence and commitment. Bill was given a round of applause.
IT – Bill reported that IT met June 20, where a To-Do list was created for Scott.
Parish Life – Janet Brimieyer is working with Bill Haas to create the Parish Life portion of the website. Having a person on the respective committees that can update content and following a standard page format is recommended.
9. **Other Business and Comments:** Prayer leader sign-up for next year was passed around. Membership contact information was updated.
10. **Closing Prayer:** Glory Be.
11. **Adjourn:** Ric N. adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 23, 7 pm, Social Hall

Prayer and In-Service: TBD (Part Seven from “Church of Mercy”)

Visioning Update:

Submitted by Kathy Wipf, Pastoral Council Secretary