

Minutes – St. Cecilia Pastoral Council
Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7:00pm, St Louis Room

Present: Father Jim Secora, Ric Nelson, Kathy Ramirez, Ron Barnett, Dorothy Sally, Matt Thatcher, Kate Hartzler, Reno Berg, Mary Staniger (Stewardship), Kelly Grandgenett (Catholic School Board), Joe Baumgarten (Faith Formation).

Staff: Deacon Alan Christy, Jarrett Wendt

Guests: Sue Griffith

1. **Call to Order:** Ric N. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Opening Prayer/ Reflection/Discussion:** Dorothy S. led the group in prayer and reflection of Chapters 26-30 of “A Church On The Move”.
3. **Agenda Changes:** Ric N. added determining a volunteer for the Election Committee under New Business.
4. **Stephen Ministry Update** – Sue Griffith presented an annual update and report on Stephen Ministry.
5. **Review/Amend/Approve:** Minutes for the August 2017 were approved.
6. **Visioning update:** Ric N., Chair of Pastoral Council, gave an update on the Visioning Initiatives for Pastoral Council. Joe B. gave an update on the Visioning Initiatives for Faith Formation. Updates will be reflected in the 2017 Stewardship report on the parish website.
7. **New Business:** Ric N. asked for a volunteer from the Pastoral Council to serve on the Election Committee with Ron Barnett for the 2018 parish elections. Kate Hartzler offered to serve as the volunteer. Ric N. asked the group for their suggestions on ways we can improve the monthly Pastoral Council meetings. Chair/table arrangement, name cards and introduction of guests will be incorporated going forward.
8. **Old Business:** Father Secora gave a brief update on the worship space remodel. Mark Hanson will be serving as chair and Alan Christy as co-chair of the committee. A Proxy has been submitted and returned from the Archdiocese for the worship space remodel as well as the columbarium. The proxy simply stated the request for the parish to formally begin looking into these two projects.
Ric reminded the group to read the information that was included in the Pastoral Council information packets about the Solar Power opportunity coming to Ames. With Pope Francis’ call to pursue alternate energy this may be an option for our parish. Ric N advised this subject will be an agenda item at the October Pastoral Council meeting.
9. **Committee and Board Reports (provided in packet).**
In addition to the written reports:
 - Dorothy S. reported good turnout at the Liturgical Ministries Formation Night last week.
 - Joe B. expressed excitement on the new marriage preparation that Jarrett is introducing. He also advised that Man Up events will be tabled until 2018 due to participation.
 - Kelly G. advised the school is diligently working on assessment of the National Standards and Benchmarks.
 - Mary S advised Stewardship is working on their annual plan.
 - Ron B advised Parish Life will be holding the annual get-together of all groups that are encompassed under Parish Life umbrella.
 - Sarah advised Social Justice finalized the budget on their annual offerings.
 - Ric N. reported he attended the Finance Council meeting in September and spoke to the short term financial needs that may be forthcoming due to potential facility updates.
10. **Closing Prayer:** Dorothy led the group in a closing prayer.
11. **Adjourn:** Ric adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7pm
Prayer and In-Service: Kate Hartzler (Chapters 31-36, A Church On The Move)
Visioning Update: Social Justice

Submitted by Kathy Ramirez, Pastoral Council Secretary