

**Minutes – St. Cecilia Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 7:00pm, St. Louis Room**

**Present:** Father Jim Secora, (Finance Council), Reno Berg, Sarah Swanson, Mirna Canuso, Mark Sorrentino, Lois Lemkuhl, Kate Hartzler, Mike Dolan(Catholic School Board Chair), Sarah Mansell (Faith Formation Chair), Mary Staniger (Stewardship Rep), Nancy Jenson (Liturgy Rep)

**Staff:** Jarrett Wendt (Pastoral Associate), Katie Patrizio (Faith Formation Director), Deacon Mark Bortle

**Guests:** Jeff Witt, Nancy Heideman, Sue Stanton

**Notes By:** Sarah Swanson

1. **Call to Order:** Reno called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Mary Staniger led the group in prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** June 2018 Pastoral Council minutes were approved.
4. **Visioning Update:** Sarah Mansell gave an update on the Faith Formation Strategic Planning Initiatives. All are in progress and given a “green” rating.
5. **New Business:**
  - A. **Orientation for new Council/Commission/Committees Members:** Lois Lemkuhl provided an orientation for new members. Each member was asked to review the orientation video for their council, committee or commission prior to this month’s meeting. The Archdiocese orientation videos located at [www.dbqarch.org](http://www.dbqarch.org) under Offices/Leadership Development and Pastoral Planning/Summer Webinar Series explain what is expected of each member and describes their role. Lois organized a packet of information for each member which consisted of contact information, a manual for Parish Pastoral Councils and the 2018 St. Cecilia Strategic Plan.
  - B. **REBOOT Speaker: (flier attached)** Katie Patrizio the Director of Faith Formation for St. Cecilia Parish came to speak to the group about an event being held on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Ames City Auditorium from 7-9:30pm. The event will feature internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host Chris Stefanick. The event is meant for anyone wanting to have a REBOOT, to REDISCOVER God and to REDISCOVER the life you were made for. The event is for ages 12 and up. Katie charged the Pastoral Council Members with selling 5 tickets each which will be sold for \$22 each, she distributed an envelope with five tickets to each member.
  - C. **Solar Energy Update: (flier attached)** Jeff Witt (ISU Director of Utilities) came to give an update on the City’s Solar Energy Initiative. Solar Packs are currently being sold by the City for \$333. per pack and in turn you will receive a credit on your monthly electricity bill for approximately \$1-\$2 per pack purchased. The pastoral council agreed that this project is in line with the church’s initiative to take care of our environment. The council agreed again that the church should be involved with purchasing power packs or letting parishioners purchase them and donate them back to the parish. Previously the council agreed to purchase 68 power packs for a cost of \$22, 644. which would result in a credit for approx. 5% of the church’s electricity bill. Jeff will keep us apprised as the project progresses.
  - D. **Parish Schedule Changes: (flier attached)** Father Secora shared the attached mass schedule that will be used in the absence of the pastor and when no priest substitute can be obtained. The group agreed it should be distributed as soon as possible to parishioners. They suggested bolding the font that points out this is only in the event of a pastor absence.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Columbarium Update:** Guests Nancy Heideman and Sue Stanton were present from the Columbarium Committee to give us an update on the project. They shared that a group of 10 committee members met on 8-1-18 and agreed to contact the Diocese to compile information and to see what the next steps are to be able to move forward. St Thomas does not currently allow anyone except St Thomas parishioners to purchase columbarium plots due to the limited number. The cities columbarium is currently at capacity. They also plan to engage the St Cecilia building committee to see what options may be available for placement of the columbarium should a remodel of the worship space happen in the future.
  - B. **Facility Remodel update:** No update, the committee plans to meet in the next month.

**7. Committee and Board Reports (provided in packet):**

- 1) **Business Office-** No updates
  - 2) **Catholic School Board-** Mike Dolan reported the bathroom remodel is complete. Also conveyed that the new principal Sara Rooney has started and is doing well. They have 3 new school board members so they are working to get them up to speed.
  - 3) **Faith Formation-** Sarah Mansell reported that Anna Kaminiski, Director of Youth Ministry left and they are looking to refill that position which oversees 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation.
  - 4) **Finance-** No updates.
  - 5) **Liturgy-** Nancy Jenson expressed that they could use more recruits on sub committees such as ushers, readers, etc.
  - 6) **Parish Life-** Referencing the Parish Life 8-9-18 meeting notes please contact Sue Scoles if you can help with coffee and donuts after Sunday Mass times in the future.
  - 7) **Social Justice-** Sarah Swanson shared the group will be watching the Diocese's orientation videos before the next meeting. Jarrett Wendt shared the SJ brochure that is being created to highlight all the aid St Cecilia's provides to those in need.
  - 8) **Stewardship-** Mary Staniger made us aware there would be a ministry fair the weekend of Sep 22/23 and that she thought it would be great if the Pastoral Council had a booth. Lois Lemkuhl and Reno Berg offered to help man the booth. If you are interested in helping please let Mary know.
- 8. Other Business/Additional Comments:** None
- 9. Once Around:** Each member shared a bit of current news in their lives.
- 10. Closing Prayer:** Mary Staniger led the group in a closing prayer.
- 11. Adjourn:** Reno adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7pm

**Prayer Leader:** Kate Hartzler

**Visioning Update:** Pastoral Council, by Reno Berg