

Minutes - St. Cecilia Pastoral Council
Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 7:00 pm, Social Hall
(Created 12-3-15; Revised 12-6-15)

Present: Father Jim Secora, Rick Brimeyer, Kathy Ramirez, Ric Nelson, Joel Rogers, Jim Stuart, Sarah Swanson, Kathy Wipf, Dorothy Sally, Bill Haas (Stewardship), Jason O'Brien (Catholic School Board liaison), Jacob Hess (Youth Representative)

Excused: Adriana Hernández de Alvarez, Mark Moore (Finance Council) Adriana Alvarez (Youth Representative), Tina Colburn (Faith Formation Council)

Staff: Mark Bortle

Guest: Mary Ross (Social Justice Committee)

1. **Call to Order:** Ric N. called the meeting to order at 7:00.
2. Prayer/Reflection/Discussion: Rick B. read a reflection from a book entitled, "Jesus Calling" before leading the group through a discussion on the concluding chapters of "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response."
3. **Agenda Changes:** Was reinserted into the Agenda with none identified.
4. **Review/Amend/Approve Minutes from last month's PC meeting:** Bill H. suggested two minor revisions, which were accepted and October minutes were approved by consensus.
5. **Visioning Update:** Report was provided by **Social Justice** Chair, Mary Ross, who briefly listed the numerous endeavors, some concluded and others continuous, successfully undertaken in 2015. She announced that SJ had recently determined that funds allocated to SJ for distribution from the Klingseis gift would go to Friendship Ark (\$50,000) and Home for a While (\$5400), both for housing needs.

She gave an update on Social Justice Initiatives:

1. Educate the Parish: This is an ongoing effort that includes regular newsletters, bulletin board, bulletin announcements, visible presence of activities within the parish and community. Status green.
2. Continue to educate ourselves about Social Justice: There is regular and ongoing self-education utilizing guest speakers. Status green.
3. Develop a plan for a sister parish relationship: The details of this type of commitment are being assessed, including the parish financial framework, creation of a leadership team, and selection of a sister parish. While the desire to fulfill this remains strong, it was recognized it would take some time to accomplish. Status yellow.

Mary said that SJ was considering a new initiative to create a specific time to promote the work they do, such as an annual "Mission Sunday." Parish Council members expressed appreciation for all the work done by the members of SJ.

The **Pastoral Council Visioning Workshop** will be held Saturday, January 9, 2016 in the St. Louis Room, 9-11 am (breakfast served 8:30-9). Each parish committee is urged to have at least two members attend as an initial draft of the 2016 Initiatives will be developed. Rick B. will reserve time and space with the office and see that all groups receive an invitation. Sarah will oversee food.

6. Old Business

- a) Klingseis Bequest Immediate Use Portion – Joel provided a written summary of discussions that included ideas with a timeline (see attached report). Some feedback was given followed by the OK to proceed with developing more specific and detailed plans.
- b) Facilities Expansion Planning Committee – has met and developed a summary document that lists priorities and a timetable for the work that needs to be done.

c) Website Update – No new developments.

d) Sister Parish Leadership Structure with Social Justice – see Visioning Update by SJ above (5.3.). In addition, the suggestion that the parish “adopt a family” is underway in that a refugee is currently being provided guidance and aid by SJ.

7. New Business

a) Parish Survey – Rick B. e-mailed the proposed Parish Survey to members prior to the meeting, with the request that members review it and provide feedback.

8. Committee and Board Reports – the following information was offered in addition to what was submitted in written reports:

e) Parish Life: Rick B. reported that they had had their inaugural meeting on November 4 (see attached report)

f) Finance: Cheryl Carlile will fill vacancy on Finance Council

h) Hispanic Community Update: Fr. Secora encouraged everyone to attend Posada, Friday, December 18, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall

9. Other Business and Comments:

- We will begin reading and discussing “The Church of Mercy” by Pope Francis at the January meeting. Chapters 1-5 will be covered.
- In addition to providing copies of “The Church of Mercy” and its accompanying “discussion guide,” Fr. Secora also gave each member a copy of “Everyday Stewardship: Reflections for the Journey.”
- Fr. Secora noted that the patron saint festivities held the weekend of November 14-15 were well attended, and expressed appreciation to the staff for leading this.
- Jacob reported that Life Teen is going well, and that those who participate are benefiting from the use of technology in the sessions.

10. Closing Prayer – was led by Rick B. Meeting adjourned by Ric N. at 8:33 pm.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 7 pm, Social Hall
Prayer and In-Service: Kathy Wipf (The Church of Mercy, chapters 1-5)
Visioning Updates: January-February Updated Plan Development

Submitted by Kathy Wipf, Pastoral Council Secretary