

**Minutes – St. Cecilia Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 7:00pm, Social Hall**

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

Staff: Deacon Ron Smith, Char Kerckvoorde, Jarrett Wendt

Guests: Lois Lehmkuhl

1. **Call to Order:** Ric N. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Opening Prayer/ Reflection/Discussion:** Kathy R. led the group in prayer and reflection of Chapters 21-25 of “A Church On The Move”.
3. **Agenda Changes:** Ric requested to add a vote for the Power Factor expenditure under Old Business. Sign-up sheet for Parish Council meeting prayer leaders was circulated.
4. **Stephen Ministry Update** – No representative was present at the meeting to provide an update.
5. **Visioning update:** Mark Moore, Chair of Finance, presented the 2017 Stewardship Report and explained highlights of our parish finances. This report will be sent to all parishioners soon. Mark also gave an update on the 3 Visioning initiatives for Finance Council. Updates will be reflected in the 2017 Stewardship report on the parish website. Joe Baumgarten advised he would provide initiative updates at the September Parish Council meeting for Faith Formation.
6. **Review/Amend/Approve:** Minutes for the June 2017 were approved.
7. **Old Business:**
  - Worship Space Remodel** – Father Secora and Ric have a list of names as possible candidates to serve on the Worship Space Remodel committee. Father advised he will be in touch with the Archdiocese for clarity on the proper process required for a renovation.
  - Columbarium** – Ric reminded the group that a subcommittee of the Facilities committee has been formed to research the possibility of a columbarium. Ric advised the next step in this process is a proxy to be signed and sent to the Archdiocese. Ric asked for this to be voted on by acclamation. All were in favor. None were opposed.
  - Best of Story County** – Ric advised the group that St. Cecilia’s received 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors by the Ames Tribune’s Best of Story County for “Best Place to Worship”.
  - Meeting Minutes Flow Chart** – Char explained the meeting minutes flow chart for all the Councils and Committees. She expressed to each Committee and Council that the secretary of each needs to be submitting approved minutes just as soon as approved so that they can be posted to the parish website. There has been some recent concern that minutes are posted late.
  - Power Factor** - Ric reminded the group that the purchase of a Power Factor capacitor has been recommended by the Facilities committee and approved by Finance. Ric advised the next step in this process is a proxy to be signed and sent to the Archdiocese. Ric asked for this to be voted on by acclamation. All were in favor. None were opposed.
8. **Committee and Board Reports (provided in packet).**

In addition to the written reports provided to the council new volunteers stepped forward to act as liaison to the various councils and committees for 2017-18. Parish Council contact information (including Liaison) was updated and will be sent to parish office to be updated on the parish website.

Mark Moore advised the Finance Council has two openings so he is accepting recommendations for new members.
9. **Other Business:** Jarrett W. reminded the group that Evangelical Catholic Parish Missions are kicking off on September 7, 2017. This is a series and includes the 1% challenge. Reno B. made an inquiry regarding the 2017 Stewardship Report relating the Offertory by Giving Level. Lois L. offered remarks and suggestions to the group for consideration.
10. **Closing Prayer:** The group prayed the Glory Be to close the meeting.
11. **Adjourn:** Ric adjourned at 8:30pm.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7pm**  
**Prayer and In-Service: Dorothy Sally (Chapters 26-30, A Church On The Move)**  
**Visioning Update: Faith Formation and Parish Council**

Submitted by Kathy Ramirez, Pastoral Council Secretary