

St. Catherine of Sweden
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2009

Attendees:

Fr. Regis, Lori McKinniss, Marilyn Adams, Denis Antol, Deeann Beavers, Lisa Ference, Pamela Grove, Karen Gust, Bob Hovanec, Jim Kaczynski, Sandy Macioce, Phyllis Murray, Bill Rasile, Scott Rick, Gary Spicuzza and Karen Taylor.

Call to Order:

The meeting was call to order by President Antol at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was given by Sandy Macioce.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes from the July 19, 2009 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved as distributed.

5th Anniversary Celebration Plans:

Pam Grove provided an update of the plans undertaken for the dinner and reception associated with this event. Jim Kaczynski of the Worship Committee reviewed the liturgical aspects planned. Fr. Regis requested the Pastoral Council's attendance and support for the entire day of activities from Mass at 9:00 a.m. through the reception followed by the Vespers service at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

Fr. Regis reviewed the upcoming October events at the church including (i) the release of the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009 Financial Report by the Finance Committee to be discussed by Fr. Regis at all masses on the weekend of October 10 & 11, (ii) the Bishop's Conference and Retreat to held at our church on October 12 followed by the installation of a new Vicar on October 13 and (iii) Confirmation Service on October 30.

Financially, the parish was "in the black" during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 according to Fr. Regis. Due to the financial stability of the Parish, the Finance Committee and Fr. Regis have endorsed the payment of cash bonuses in December 2009 to the Parish Administrative staff. Such staff did not previously receive any increase in their compensation for 200~~x~~^s

Fr. Regis encouraged Pastoral Council members to attend and support the Bishop's installation ceremony and mass on the evening of October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Regis responded to a question from Bob Hovanec regarding cell phones in church. Fr. Regis requested that Pastoral Council prepare an announcement for his review. Such announcement would be given by the Cantor prior to all masses and request that parishioners turn-off or otherwise silence their cell phones and refrain from sending text messages during mass.

Reestablish Standing Committees/Chairperson/2010 Pastoral Plan:

Dennis Antol distributed a summary of the Pastoral Council Standing Committees which provided a brief description of the function and goals of such committees. After a brief discussion Mr. Antol conducted a

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role call asking each Pastoral Council member to select a Standing Committee and the results are provided below:

Worship and Evangelization – Beavers, Kaczynski, Taylor (Francine Hovanec, non-council member)

Community Life – Hovanec, McGeown, and Murray

Faith Formation – Adams, Ference, Grove, Gust, Macioce

Physical Plant and Resources – Rasile, Rick, Spicuzza

Mr. Antol asked that each Committee meet to select a Chairperson and plan activities for the upcoming year and be prepared to have a discussion on the Committee's plans at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Worship and Evangelization- Chairman Kaczynski reported that the plans are in place for the liturgical activities associated with the October 2 Anniversary event and Fr. Pat is planning an evening Bible Study program for the upcoming fall/winter season.

Community Life- Chairwomen Murray announced that in addition to the October 2 event, previously discussed, the Committee plans to restart the new parishioner social program this fall/winter.

Faith Formation- Chairwomen Macioce provided a general overview of the activities of the Committee including addressing the CCD special needs students.

Physical Plant and Resources – Chairman Spicuzza reviewed the projects recently completed including replacing shrubbery and paving the parking lot at the church. New projects include painting the inside of the church, replacing bulbs in parking lot lighting fixtures and purchasing a dishwasher for the social hall kitchen.

Other Matters:

Dennis Antol requested that all members contact John Madia to schedule a sitting for their individual Pastoral Council pictures.

Deanne Beavers asked for help on a project to pull weeds and plant over 500 bulbs on the church grounds. It was suggested that the parish youth ministry be contacted for help since such would satisfy community service requirements of the local high schools.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2009. Deeann Beavers will give the Opening Prayer and Pam Grove will be the Recorder of Minutes.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Hovanec