

**St. Catherine of Siena parish Pastoral Council  
November 9, 2013 – Minutes**

Members present:

Father Robert Cregan  
Father Stan Witek  
George Bruzza  
Judy Bruzza  
Linda Furtaw  
Gina Kling

Chip Everett  
Steve Reasoner  
Patrick Martin  
Colleen Semler  
Janet Ingersol  
Unable to attend: Tammy LeFaive

Meeting called to order: 10:10 AM, opening prayer led by Patrick: Gospel Litany of Faith

Introduction of guests:

Paula Mathieu (Steward of religious Education)  
Margaret Pillar (Stations of the Cross)  
Mary Francis Brennan (ECHO Intern)

Minutes of the August 10, 2103 meeting reviewed - Revised 2014 meeting dates 2/8, 5/10, 9/20, 11/15

Announcements:

1. Nichole McClish is the new steward of Youth Ministry
2. Matt Miller is the new Director of maintenance
3. Justin Hunt took Matt's former job as part time maintenance employee

Steward reports:

- Paula Mathieu report on Religious education
  - Confirmation
    - Five components of confirmation explained
    - Two year confirmation program that is now being adapted by the dioceses.
  - Presented programs to be offered Wednesday evenings
- Linda Furtaw Finance Council report:
  - Financial council doesn't expect to reach their goals until Christmas
  - Other sources of income explained
  - Some items are currently running under budget
  - BAA pledges are 103% of goal and 50% has been collected so far
  - Fr. Bob added that John Emilio (accountant) is a good steward of our expenses
  - We have three full time priests now. Before Fr. James wages were shared by Hackett.

Old Business:

1. Response to parishioner's question
  - a. Question about music: Requested all lyrics on screens – Mike Kiebel response, leaflets will continue to be used

2. Echo program
  - a. Mary Francis explained all the activities she's involved with
    - i. Teaching religious education and RCIA classes
    - ii. Involved with various ministries (music, prayer shawl, small Christian communities)
    - iii. Learning about church administration
    - iv. Program is part of Notre Dame Masters Program
3. Parish 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee
  - a. Fr. Bob update
    - i. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary date is August 10<sup>th</sup> 2016
    - ii. There will be activities in the 6-9 months that follow
    - iii. New directory will be published
    - iv. Festivities being planned for all age groups
    - v. Any charter member activities will be planned in the summer.
4. Father Bob's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination
  - a. Celebration being planned for November 24th
5. Stations of the Cross
  - a. Margaret Pillar is donating stations in memory of her husband
    - i. Artist Michael Northrup has being hired to do the artwork
    - ii. Will be completed November 2014 and dedicated January 2015
6. Respond to Bishop's Pastoral Letter: Domestic Church, Apostolic Works, Relationship with Christ, Evangelization (D.A.R.E.)
  - a. George would like to invite non-Catholics and inactive Catholics to our church
  - b. Fr. Bob said he sees many visitors impressed by our church during funerals; new parishioner events could include outreach to inactive Catholics. Apostolic works must continue.
  - c. Candy mentioned the "Coming Home" program (dioceses wide) being discussed but needs funding.

Communications:

- Phone calls, E-mails, and narthex table comments collected
  - George presented:
    - "Mass should be more efficient, have more extraordinary ministers, delay purification of vessels until end"
    - "Would like to hear more stories about people"
    - "Urge support for comprehensive immigration reform"
    - "Questioned role of Master of Ceremonies, altar servers are not learning"
    - "Questions about Pope's global survey to bishops"
  - Candy presented:
    - "Like candles used to lead procession"
    - "Marion hall needs repair"
    - "Floor in bathroom needs repair"
    - Handicap doors on west side – "Could someone help hold those doors open?"
    - Judy said automatic doors have been considered but too expensive now
    - "Need support group for military families"

- Patrick
  - “Cannot hear in the back of the church”
    - Judy said sound system is being improved
  - “Films used for religious education are outdated”
  - “Concerned for safety of readers having trouble getting up steps of the alter”
    - Judy said railing was discussed, she will re-visit
  - “St Michael prayer was requested after masses”
    - Fr. Bob said it’s a devotional prayer and is not part of the liturgy but will discuss with Fr. Peltz. Fr. Stan added that Eucharist is the center of mass per Vatican II.
  - “Bells are disruptive”
  - Incense came up again
- Colleen
  - Concerned with 6 month wait between conclusion of confirmation classes and the actual confirmation ceremony

New Business:

1. Pastoral planning: Partnering
  - a. Fr. Bob reported:
    - i. Every parish will be affected
    - ii. We will be partnered with another parish
    - iii. Cooperation between parishes may include mass scheduling
    - iv. Some is already happening: religious education, Communal Penance services, preschools
2. Two new vacancies on Pastoral Council
  - a. Mimi Willger has moved away, Gina has finished her three year term
    - i. Replacements could be directly appointed by the pastor or could come through the nomination process. Members asked to be on the lookout
3. Parish survey questionnaire
  - a. George presented an example survey
  - b. Suggestion made to change up survey with narthex table and maybe phone calls
  - c. George will compile survey and get okayed by Fr. Bob
4. Other spiritual, educational, social or physical parish business
  - a. None presented

Closing Prayer led by George: Closing prayer for the Year of Faith

Next meeting: February 8, 2014 (Nicole McClish is being invited)