

**St. Catherine of Siena parish Pastoral Council  
May 16, 2015 – Minutes**

**Members present:** Father Robert Creagan, Father Stan Witek, Patrick Martin, Brett Merkel, Chip Everett, Tammy LeFaive, Gretchen Merkel, Colleen Hoerman, Narcia Schultz, Nancy Dudasko, Jim Norman, Claire Pollack, Linda Furtaw, and Gary Hunt.

**Meeting called to order:** 10:00 AM, opening prayer led by Patrick

**February 14 meeting minutes were approved**

**Reports:**

**1) Steward Reports –**

- a. Based on Joe Meliski's report the group wondered if there is a Lector issue. Fr. Bob will follow up with Joe. Discussion as to why there are two per mass instead of one. Should there be an appeal to bolster the ranks?
- b. AV issues came up and timeliness to address. Fr. Bob said issues differ, may be chasing gremlins.
- c. Nancy – Mentioned Family Life and programs such as awakenings held during the day. She is looking for more programs/opportunities offered in the evening.

**2) Finance Council Report, Linda Furtaw**

- a. BAA for 2014-15 completed, goal met. \$263,000.
- b. New BAA goal is \$278,800. Father Bob sending out letters.
  - i. Some concerns around three year Capital Campaign coming in fall. Renovating St. Augustine has been pulled out of the program. Fr. Bob on steering committee. He is looking for others to help decide what to do with the 40% coming back to the church.
- c. 2007 mortgage was \$2.7 mil for 30 years, \$99K has been paid, balance around \$2 mil. At this rate mortgage will be paid off 11 years early.
- d. New budget – set at 96% of last year based on projected collections.
  - i. Some concerns around increased BAA goal.
  - ii. Future capital improvements fund is being set aside. Possible boiler failure used as an example.
    1. Finance council approved \$16K for parking lot renovations.
- e. This was Linda's last meeting as finance council representative.

**Old Business:**

**1) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee update**

- a. Next April kick off with Sister Nancy Murray
- b. Anniversary August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1966, first mass August 28<sup>th</sup> 1966.
- c. Patrick would like the Pastoral Council to volunteer/sponsor an event.
- d. Will review event calendar at next meeting

**2) Possible meeting day change**

- a. Group decided to continue meeting on Saturdays.

**3) Update on BAA and Capital Campaign**

- a. Discussed during financial report above.

**Communications:**

**1) Comments from parishioners**

- a. Is there anybody else that could go to Three Rivers and Centerville? Fr Bob said his duties for Three Rivers/Centerville will last for six weeks dividing duties between Fr Stan and Fr. Dan. Some concerns rose over spreading the priests too thin. Also the “temporary” part is not being communicated.
- b. Fr. Bob also has been asked to become Vicar of Clergy and is also now on the assignment committee. Very Reverend per Fr. Stan.

**2) Council Member Comments**

- a. Chip wanted to remind parishners that nursery is Co-Op.
- b. Jim brought up first communion. Would like to see them done with regular masses. Fr. Bob said 98 students would bring too big of a crowd during a regular mass. Next year there will be a Sunday afternoon mass plus two other (Saturday and Sunday) options offered.
- c. Nancy brought up overhead lights in church being uneven, too bright or too dim depending on where you sit. Heat from the lights an issue too. LED lighting was brought up and suggestion will be taken to staff.
- d. Linda mentioned cuts being made in Mid-Week Family Fuel.
- e. Gretchen connected with the company that supplied St Johns & St Thomas Equines with kneelers and offered their web site [www.sauderworship.com](http://www.sauderworship.com)
- f. Tammy presented an after mass senior fellowship idea, gave details to Patrick.
- g. Nancy commended the volunteers that helped clean the church prior to Palm Sunday but said they lacked the necessary tools/equipment. Narcia requested a list of needs.

**Closing prayer was led by Patrick**

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM**

**Next meeting will be held September 12, 2015**