

**St. Catherine of Siena parish Pastoral Council
November 15, 2014 – Minutes**

Members present: Father Robert Creagan, George Bruzza, Judy Bruzza, Linda Furtaw, Tammy LeFaive, Patrick Martin, Steve Reasoner, Chip Everett, Noah Pollack, Colleen Semler, Janet Ingersoll, Father Stan Witek, and Gary Hunt. Unable to attend: Candy Krymis

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

Council nominees introduced: Nathan Whitford, Colleen Hoerman, Nancy Dudasko, and Jim Norman

Guests: Narcia Schultz, Jim Atkinson, and Char Thomas

Minutes of the September 20, 2014 meeting: Accepted by group w/o changes

Reports:

- Steward reports
 - Highlights reviewed for the group by Fr. Bob
 - George mentioned Immaculate Conception not listed in Liturgy Stewart report. Fr Bob will follow-up
- Finance Council report: Linda Furtaw
 - Sunday collections behind normal, council concerned
 - Also concerned that attendance is down 300 people per weekend based on historical averages
 - Council is pleased that other areas in parish are coming in under budget
 - Bishops annual appeal approximately \$8K short, parish may be required to make up the difference when campaign closes in April
 - Finance council discussed diocese capital campaign and town hall meeting planned for Monday 11/17, Marian Hall

Old business:

- Update of Stations of the Cross
 - Artist health setback, still plans to meet January 17 dedication
- 50TH Anniversary Committee
 - Fr Bob, Linda, and Patrick updated the group, committee has met twice, beginning to look at financials
- Town Hall meeting with Bishop Bradley Nov. 17 at 7:00pm, re: Capital Campaign
 - Discussed at length by group, some plan to attend
 - Jim Atkinson suggested the Pastoral Council send formal position in writing
- Response to Parishioners survey items
 - The parish mission statement is now published on page 1 of the Sunday bulletin
 - The tally of second and special collections are now reported in the Sunday bulletin
 - Sound system issues are being addressed – Mike Kiebel
 - In response to parishioner's concern that Catholics who experience same sex attraction feel excluded from the Church, the diocese is now participating in a

program called Courage and a companion program called Encourage, which is designed to address the special concerns of Catholics with same sex attraction.

- Phone calls
- Email
- Comments from narthex table
 - Tammy received a request for an earlier Saturday mass. Fr Bob would like to accommodate but weddings and funerals may conflict
 - Patrick received comment that Family Fuel meal starts too late, must rush to eat
 - Another request looking for help with hearing impaired
 - Steve was told Youth Group not strong enough, other comments followed
 - Noah (Council youth representative) said several are graduating. Many others are being confirmed and looking for more opportunities to get involved.
 - Nancy wondered what is going on with youth. Mentioned youth programs are identified several different ways “Life Teen, Life night, youth group, high school, etc.”
 - Colleen Hoerman said Father James had a great connection with youth and that is missed.
 - Chip – He received negative comment newly announced on diocese capital campaign

New Business:

- Bishop’s Pastoral Letter
 - Fr Bob deferred report to another time
- Nominations for Pastoral Council (3 year term). Nominees introduced themselves:
 - Nancy Dudasko - 20+ year member
 - Colleen Hoerman - 4 year member
 - James Norman - 22 year member
 - Nathan Whitford - 1 year member
 - Noah (youth rep, one year term) has a replacement in mind, Claire Podiak, Pastor will appoint
- Other nominees: (not present)
 - Scott Betzler
 - Brett Merkel
 - Gretchen Merkel
- Officers of Pastoral Council approved
 - President – Patrick Martin
 - Vice President – To be determined at the next meeting
 - Secretary – Gary Hunt

Other parish business:

- FR. Bob requested the Pastoral Council help provide him with observations of a spiritual, educational, social, or physical nature

Closing Prayer led by George

Meeting adjourned at 11:22

Next meeting: February 14, 2015