

## **St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**November 16, 2016**

Members Present: Fr. Ken Schmidt, Patrick Martin, Chip Everett, Tammy LeFaive, Narica Schultz, Nancy Dudasko, Scott Betzler, Colleen Semler, Nathan Whitford, Brett Merkel, Gretchen Merkel, Jim Hoppe, Gary Hunt

Unable to attend: Claire Podiak

Observer: Brian Kaluzny

Opening Prayer – led by Patrick - 7:03PM

Minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting accepted by the group w/o changes.

#### *Reports:*

- 1) Steward Reports
  - a. Nancy requested clarification in the youth ministry report to include numbers involved, particularly Lifeteen.
- 2) Finance Council Report
  - a. Jim Hoppe reported. Incoming funds are covering the budget but the budget has been set for a “declining trend”.
  - b. Fr. Ken’s BAA appeal letter was sent to non-participating parishioners.
  - c. 8 security cameras have been installed at no cost to the church.
  - d. Wi-Fi is now installed in both buildings; parishioner access will be available soon.
  - e. New department of labor overtime rules take effect December 1<sup>st</sup>. An electronic time recording system is now in place for all staff.

#### *New Business:*

- 1) Fr. Ken’s Philosophy of the Pastoral Council
  - a. Fr. Ken stated the Pastoral Council is “primary consultative body” and he is “Looking for people who can listen and verbalize the needs of the parish”.
  - b. Fr. Ken asked the council to take part in a group exercise.
    - i. The council was broken into two groups and three questions were discussed:
      1. What are we doing well?
      2. What are the critical needs?
      3. How do they fit the mission of the parish?

- ii. Fr. Ken gathered the feedback and said he is planning similar parishioner “listening sessions”. Based on a suggestion brought up by Nathan, the pastoral council may be able to help facilitate those sessions.
- iii. He also expressed his vision of taking a Portage wide census to locate all Catholics, and maybe invite them back to church.

*Communications:*

- 1) Comments from parishioners – none presented
- 2) Council Members comments - Lights in the parking lot inadequate. Tree near front entrance is blocking a light. (Nancy)

Next Meeting: January 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30

Closing Prayer – led by Patrick – Approx. 8:30