

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

August 12, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Fr. Peter Patrick, James Napper, Lauren Bondhus, Mary Krolikowski, Jeff Morzinski, Toni Wagner, Tonya Johnson, Kelly Guthery, Joe Brian.

Excused: Russ Rueden, June Wessa, Mary McGuire

Absent: X

Mission Statement:

We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond.

Living the Gospel we:

- Welcome all to participate with us
- Learn and grow through God’s love
- Join with others to serve the needs of our community
- Honor the sanctity and diversity of life, and
- Celebrate the joy of our faith and community

Prayer: August Reflection: Mt 18, 1-5

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Election of PC Officers, other PC business	Chair: James Napper Vice Chair: Lauren Bondhus Secretary: Mary Krolikowski <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastoral Council Blessing at Mass on August 25, as determined at June 2024 meeting.• Pastoral Council retreat with St. Sebs on October 5. June is still on the retreat planning committee, if her health permits.• Committee Liaisons will be determined at a subsequent meeting. Building & Grounds requests a liaison.
Administrator’s Report	a. Convent:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration work following water damage from radiator leak in now completed. Insurance covering \$30,000, parish covering \$1,000. James suggests asking building & Grounds to look into a device or system to monitor for leaks, most needed if building is not occupied. • Butterflyz is still interested in tenancy. Sprinkling system repairs are completed, now awaiting a Fire Inspection. PC asked Tonya to nudge Butterflyz for a prospective move-in date, so she can ready the contract and get Archdiocesan approval. <p>b. Cougar Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer session was successful with about 30 children. St. Catherine Endowment Grant provided funds for field trips and T-shirts. • Staff turn-over is an ongoing challenge. The summer staff will not return for the school year due to other jobs, commitments. Tonya is working to hire staff for the school year. The school session opens on August 26. • Including Cougar Camp students in Vacation Bible School would require planning ahead to accommodate them and consents from parents. <p>c. Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Council approved a budget for FY 2024-2025. Tonya will send it to Archdiocese for approval. Tonya can make it available to PC members on request.
<p>Acknowledgement of Donors</p>	<p>The parish will not formally recognize specific donors, given that many people are donors of funds and of time, some anonymously, others publicly.</p>
<p>Pastor's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Peter Patrick suggests using 5th Sunday of the month collections for the food pantry, and once per year for a foreign missionary. • Some members attended the Archdiocesan Stewardship Conference. James suggests engaging our youth as greeters before Mass. • Archdiocesan Council Congress is October 19, members encouraged to attend. • Knights of Columbus induction was held for 17 parishioners of St. Catherine or St. Sebastian. • Women of St. Catherine are invited to participate in the St. Sebastian Women's Retreat. • Fr. Peter Patrick will travel to Kenya September 9 -19. • St. Bernard's Parish closing liturgy will be Aug 17-18, keep them in prayer. • Vacation Bible School at St. Catherine was successful, good to expose St. Sebs families to St. Catherine's space.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seton pastor's meeting: School starts Aug 26. Catholic Schools walk is Oct 19 (same date as Council Congress).
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James is working on a paging/texting system to reach out to persons contacted by the Missionaries and also parishioners. It will require someone who administers it, monitors it, and sends out texts. • Toni brought up reaching out via parish phone lines to parishioners who are not at Mass, to make sure they are ok. • Hope Network is eager to collaborate with the parish in supporting young families. • James asked if the parish wanted to influence which businesses move into Center St. storefronts. Toni said we would need to establish a link with Ald. Stamper to be informed when the city licensing committee is holding a hearing about permits for neighborhood properties. • A survey of Food Pantry clients resulted that their #1 request was for cooking classes, #2 was for health support (BP screening etc). • Common Ground is holding a Get Out The Vote meeting next Monday. Supermarket Legends has promoted voting here at the food pantry, including helping clients register to vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krolikowski