

## St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

September 9, 2024, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Present:, June Wessa, James Napper, Lauren Bondhus, Mary Krolikowski, Jeff Morzinski, Toni Wagner, Tonya Johnson, Kelly Guthery, Joe Brien.

Excused: Fr. Peter Patrick, Russ Rueden

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:** Mt 4: 18-22

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion &amp; Recommendations</b>
Policy to approve minutes.	PC members have a week to review and approve minutes. If no response, automatically approved, so minutes can be posted on St. Catherine’s website and in the back of church. Policy approved by voice vote.
Pastor Report	Nothing to report
Administrator’s Report	a. Convent: Butterflyz prospective move-in date Dec., allows time for lease agreement & proxy in the meantime. Fire inspection is this Thu, expect to pass. No zoning change required. Need to monitor convent while not occupied, buildings & grounds will determine logistics.

	<p>b. Cougar Camp: What is Cougar camp? Suggested a display for parishioners to learn about Cougar Camp. If a parishioner wants to observe Cougar Camp, need to clarify if that person needs Safeguarding training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing: Still looking to hire one more person. Jeff encourages some volunteers to be ready to step in.</li> </ul> <p>c. Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Council budget and balance sheet approved by Archdiocese. Expenses are outpacing income. Need to communicate to parishioners that expenses are increasing, need to contribute more. Stewardship committee has roles of communicating to parish about financial giving, as well as helping us live our faith more fully. Optimally, all ministries should net zero.</li> </ul>
Ongoing business	<p>Stewardship: Texting software – Issues about who will control it: Kelly and Lauren taking the lead with Russ. Who will send messages, who will receive messages (missionaries’ list, parishioners). Mary Brooks and Tonya need to be in the loop.</p> <p>Toni suggests calling parishioners who are homebound, who are no longer coming for whatever reason. Maybe a group to do calls on a monthly basis. Use the St. Catherine phone #</p>
Pastoral Council Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Liturgy--Russ</li> <li>b. Faith Formation--June</li> <li>c. Finance--Lauren</li> <li>d. Human concerns--Joe</li> <li>e. School—Kelly</li> <li>f. Building and grounds—James</li> </ul>
Committee Reports	<p>Please submit reports by email rather than using PC meeting time for reporting</p> <p>SVdP: a well-organized small group needing more members who can do home visits, climb stairs to homes. Maybe could set visit parameters (days of the week they will visit). Ask Knights of Columbus to help with visits</p>
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. FR Prayer group – Display in the Gathering Area about social justice issues, by students at St. Catherine’s school and St. Seb’s school: James is working on this</li> <li>b. Bulletin Board policy proposed by James was approved by PC. Bulletin Board is gold, one side for school &amp; church, the other side for events. Items need to be approved by administration. Photos of PC members needed for Kelly and Toni</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Sheman Park Eco group has events coming up</li> <li>d. Pastoral Council retreat – 10/5/24 @St. Sebs 9:00 – 3:30, refreshments &amp; lunch will be provided.</li> <li>e. Business startup on Center St. – on hold. Need more info from Dr. Jennifer Potts exec dir of BID 39. James is following up.</li> <li>f. Hope Network – enthusiastic about being in neighborhood, available for partnership with St. Cates. Toni provided info. May be able to connect them to Butterflyz when they come.</li> <li>g. Stewardship –Alverno Nursing students may be available for blood pressure, nutrition, possible cooking classes..</li> <li>h. Voter registration. Mary K is working on logistics for voter registration at food pantry. Supermarket Legends and/or Common Ground may assist.</li> <li>i. Nell from St. Sebs is a graphic designer, willing to help out if we need poster designs, etc.</li> </ul>
Pulpit Announcements	<p>9/15 June</p> <p>9/22 Joe</p> <p>9/29 James</p> <p>10/6 Kelly</p> <p>10/13 Lauren</p>
	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by helping us reach out to the community. We communicated to the point of understanding.
Closing prayer	Our Father

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Krolikowski