

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

ADVISORY MEETING

October 5, 2024—12:15-12:50

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

Excused: Russ Rueden, June Wessa, Tonya Johnson

Absent: Fr. Peter Patrick

Guests: Mary Brooks, Lynn Smith

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

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Approval of minutes.	Previously obtained
Pastor Report	None; Pastor not present
Administrator’s Report per Mary Brooks	a. Convent: Fire inspection revealed some deficiencies to be corrected: smoke and CO alarms and more fire extinguishers, pop-off outlets in kitchen, need 3 exits from residence, including access to metal stairway. Move-in date is Dec. b. Cougar Camp: Trying to hire more teachers. c. Building & Grounds: phones working, cameras working, Mary Brooks monitors. Snowplowing contract in place.
Ongoing business	a. Stewardship: Texting software – Lauren will connect with Russ for update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Facing Racism Prayer subgroup is working to have school students develop displays in gathering area of church on Suffragettes and Voting Act of 1965. Targeting January 2025 c. Businesses on Center St: Communication is improving with BID director Dr. J. Potts. St. Catherine is no longer part of the BID. d. Hope Network wants to meet with Fr. Peter Patrick to discuss collaboration with St. Catherine. e. School: No information yet about how & when St. Catherine School wants to do Catholic Schools Walk. Due to new Seton directives, parishioners will probably not be able to participate in Trunk or Treat. The updating of rest rooms in the School has not yet been completed.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sherman Park Green Community dinner at St. Catherine on Oct 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m. James is coordinating. He will work with Hospitality group on food and logistics. Sherman Park Assn has budget for supplies. Will be an opportunity to showcase what St. Catherine does for the community. b. Flag pole in front of School has been unused due to problem with the rigging. Joe will ask Knights of Columbus to make it operational, and teach flag etiquette to school children.
Committee Reports	<p>Written reports will be submitted by the Committee Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Liturgy--Russ b. Faith Formation--June c. Finance--Lauren d. Human concerns--Joe e. School—Kelly f. Building and grounds—James g. Stewardship—James
Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joint Pastoral Council meetings with St. Sebastian: It would be possible for St. Catherine to meet 5:30-6:30, have a joint meeting 6:30-7:00, then St. Sebastian meet starting at 7:00. b. Should we reduce the number of St. Catherine Pastoral Council meetings, or have some of them over Zoom? Or do some of our business via conference calls and email?
Pulpit Announcements	<p>10/6 Kelly</p> <p>10/13 Lauren</p>

	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by (not addressed)
Closing prayer	Continuing Pastoral Council retreat

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krolkowski