

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

May 12, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Fr. Peter Patrick

Absent: Russ Rueden, Jeff Morzinski

Guests: Karen Earle

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: Theme: Go Out to All the World, Matthew 28:18-20

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Approval of minutes.	Approved by default
Pastor Report	None—Fr. Peter Patrick is on his home visit
Administrator’s Report	Budget is completed, approved, before due date of June 1. Tonya walked us through budget items with the following explanations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tuition comes from Cougar Camp● Rentals = Recovery groups and Seton for school building

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Other Revenue = employee retention tax credit (Covid-19) funds, grant funding for daycare ● Fundraising is increased for next year over last year ● Salaries are hoped to be competitive, although lower than in the public sector ● Net Unrealized Gains and Losses are due to investment non-cash income ● Archdiocese charges an assessment on any income, including the fundraising funds, that is not restricted by the donor <p>Daycare is still hiring for summer, referrals appreciated, with Graduation on May 23, 9:00 am</p>
Ongoing business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stewardship <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Homebound/Communion Ministry: Brenda and 5 other people are on the committee Joe Brien has gone on a home visit. Pyxes for Communion are needed ii. Blood Drive –James: Sunday May 18 starts at 0900 at St. Sebs. Hope to make it annual. Could look into incentives from Versiti for donors iii. Action word banners – Toni. Need PC members’ help for converting suggestions into concise action words, maybe designs too; what should the finished product look like? Send in responses by Monday. b. Convent updates: Franciscan Peacemakers need a smaller space. There is some work that needs to be done to improve it for walk-throughs. Cathedral Center needs to reorganize themselves before being able to consider a new site. c. Bereavement/Grief Ministry –Webinar this week will be attended by Gael and James and Tonya d. Parish Nurse – Joe Brien. Following an on-line Program, may need to take in-person program this summer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Blood Pressure Checks, resources provided by Ascension representative. Interventions are communications and suggestions for healthier choices, no medications; includes cards that

	<p>people can use to track blood pressure over time. BP checks will be at Food Pantry. Need to advertise the service so people come in for BP checks.</p> <p>ii. St. Joes will have health fair in June, pulpit and bulletin announcements coming. Who is the audience they are hoping for?</p> <p>iii. Welcoming: Name tags for greeters. James will work with Carole Poth. Toni will find name tags. PC members are asked to welcome before Mass (0845) and after Mass. There is an issue with interrupting people's time with God within 5 minutes before Mass. Stewardship will work on this</p> <p>b. Daycare –Committee: Kylie, Jeff, Dave, James, Tonya</p>
New Business	<p>1. Recruiting new pastoral council members: We need more members and more diverse members. PC members should invite people personally. Need sign ups in the pews, bulletin announcement (Toni), pulpit announcement, start now; Discernment will be set up afterward.</p> <p>2. Pastoral Council leadership: James and June will be stepping down, James will ask Russ about his intention for next year. We will have 4 openings</p>
Committee Reports	a. none
Other business	<p>a. Digital sign: Toni has estimates, Joe is willing to pay</p> <p>b. Joint meeting with St. Sebs in August to kick off the new season</p>
Pulpit Announcements	<p>5/4 – Mary K. 5/11 – Kelly 5/18 - Jeff 5/25 - Lauren</p> <p>6/1-June 6/15- Joe 6/22-Kelly</p>
	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by communicating to the point of understanding. Multiple ways to outreach to our community. Focus on welcoming, respecting people's different needs
Closing prayer	Lord's Prayer

Next meeting	Wednesday June 4, 5:30 in person
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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Krolkowski