

MINUTES of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Pastoral Council, January 16, 2018

The council joined in an opening prayer.

Present were the Rev. Ken Schmidt, pastor, Scott Betzler, Barbara Walters, Nancy Dudasko, Paula Hudson, Gracie Kayany, Tammy LaFaive, Brett Merkel, Gretchen Merkel, Colleen Semler, Nathan Whitford, Jim Hoppe and Janet Ingersoll. Fr. Ken recognized new members Barbara Walters, Paula Hudson and Gracie Kayany.

All members present introduced themselves and briefly shared aspects about their lives.

Members nominated and elected officers: Nathan Whitford, president; Scott Betzler, vice president; Barbara Walters, secretary.

Fr. Ken led a discussion of the purpose of the parish council, which members agreed is to maintain an overview of the parish's success as a spiritual community.

Fr. Ken updated the council on the unveiling of the parish Vision Statement. Cloting with the logo was purchased for parish staff members.

Members discussed the parish council's By-Laws. Topics included how the council receives reports from the staff and the consistency of how those reports are conveyed in the bulletin. Fr. Ken distributed copies of the document and asked members to review it before the next meeting with an eye to possible revisions.

Members prioritized future capital improvement projects on a written form that was submitted to Fr. Ken and were updated on the status of past improvements.

Council members raised questions about church door locks, the cost of holding weddings at the church, and savings accrued from solar panels on the roof of the Stanley Center and other energy savings measures.

Members also discussed: the possibility of a daily mass in the early morning for working people, or of publicizing the locations of those masses at other churches in the diocese; the disrepair of the ceiling above the altar; a need for an updated audio system for the hearing impaired; the shortage of volunteers, and the popularity of the Christmas children's mass.

Members joined in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walters, Secretary