

**St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023**

Attended by: Fr. Joe, Tom Dunn, Dotse Sogah, Sue Hyatt, Ted Skibinski, Diane Bradac, Mary Crosley, Art DeGaetano, Jen Kuszniir, Mary Hutchens

1. Prayer: Dotse

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved with the following bolded correction: “She is currently pursuing a Master’s program and is part of the Order of the **Consecrated** Virgins whose focus is to serve the Church.” Ted/Sue

3. Follow-up on Actionable Items

- a. Dotse will find a July date for the PC to meet with Fr. John

Dotse has connected with Fr. John and there is agreement that the PC will meet with him on July 10 at 7pm. New members will be invited to this meeting and the new leadership team will be introduced.

Fr. Joe suggested that we use this meeting to introduce the ministries we are supporting including our plans for a young person’s trip to the DR. He recommended mentioning the Surveys and Forums we have held and that we are still sifting through the gathered material. Data can be shared with Fr. John at a follow-up meeting.

Fr. Joe reminded us of the expected financial dip that occurs during a transition and that this can impact pastoral care.

Also, we should ask Fr. John what his expectations are of the Pastoral Council.

There will be a social hour after each Mass on the week-end of July 1 and 2 to welcome Fr. John.

4. Report on New PC Members

The following parishioners will join the Pastoral Council in Sept. 2023 for a 3 year term: Mike Bovi, John Bradac, Valerie Evans and Rosie Fox. We will need to assign them to fill liaison roles to ministry areas.

5. Brief Update on Fairwell Celebration

Diane reviewed the status of the plans for the event. It was decided that due to likely rainy weather, we would use the church for the program portion of Friday evening.

6. Thoughts on Plans for Next Year

The following comments were offered by members:

- a. Use the data we have and start making plans.
- b. Are there analytics regarding who is using the livestreaming feature?
- c. A Strategic Plan is needed. We should bring it up with Fr. John so we can do it in a year.
- d. What should we do differently to get more input from parishioners? The Open Forum format did not result in the participation we hoped for. Should we try other settings, join other meetings or use our new PC ministry liaison roles to gather more input?
- e. We need a finalized document of the ministries we offer and who is the point of contact. We should expect regular written updates from each group.
- f. How can the PC be more visible in church? Maybe a monthly presence where a member speaks about a ministry.
- g. An orientation session for new members may be useful.

7. Fr. Joe's Updates

- a. He will be moving to Brockport on 6/21. Fr. Dan will continue to live in the residence.
- b. Fr. Joe discussed his effort to raise funds for the renovation of a tapestry of the Adoration of the Magi. The tapestry was originally hung at Immaculate Conception and after renovation will be hung at St. Catherine's. He views this effort as a concrete symbol of uniting the 2 parishes and our communities.

8. People to be Thanked

- a. Those who organized and served at Sherry's party.
- b. Those who donated during our recent blood drive.
- c. Those who volunteer at funeral receptions.

9. Other Matters: None

10. Closing Prayer: Dotse