

**St. Catherine of Siena
Pastoral Council Minutes
July 10, 2023**

Attended by: Sue Hyatt, Diane Bradac, Poppy McLeod, Ted Skibinski, Fr. John, Dotse Sogah, Mary Crosley, Art DeGaetano, Tom Dunn, Mary Hutchens, Adrianna Cardenas, John Bradac and Mike Bovi

1. Introductions and New Member Information

- New and current members introduced themselves.
- Dotse introduced the Executive Comm. for the next year. Ted is Chair, Poppy is Vice Chair and Mary H. is Secretary.
- Dotse reminded new members that they need to have their pictures taken, get PC badges and complete the diocese Conflict of Interest form. CASE certification will need to be completed.

2. Prayer and Faith Sharing: Dotse

3. Approval of Minutes: June Minutes were approved. (Poppy/Sue)

4. Follow-up: There were no Actionable Items from the previous meeting.

5. Update on the Tapestry Restoration

- We had a lengthy discussion on what we knew about this project and outstanding questions.
- There was general agreement that we needed to honor the contract that was signed with the restoration company.
- In addition, we agreed that, as the amount we need to fundraise becomes clear, we will need to develop a fundraising plan.
- Ted was asked to contact the Finance Council to clarify their understanding of this project and the resources that may be available. In addition, he will explore a plan with Amanda Shaw that allows for increased communication between the Pastoral Council and Finance Council. One thought that was proposed was to have Chairs of each Council attend the meetings of the other.

6. Goals for the Next Year/Fr. John's Expectations

- Fr. John noted that we should continue to developing opportunities for our young people and ways to help our community grow and go forward.
- Fr. John would like to explore initiatives that raise additional funds for the parish.

- **Fr. John would like to see an increase in baptisms, confirmations, first communions and marriages.**

7. Fr. John's Updates

- Fr. John will be continuing the regular Mass at Kendall.
- He has added a Mass during the week.
- He will include the Rosary after the Mass on the first Saturday of the month.
- The Nicene Creed will be used at times. Members requested that the prayer be included in the Bulletin.
- Fr. John noted the absence of altar servers. Members noted this was a change since the pandemic and encouraged him to develop an interest in this ministry.
- Members gave Fr. John a brief, historic overview of our Dominican Republic ministry. Mary C. reviewed a recent communication from Juan Arroyo who is gathering books to share with the DR daycare center. PC Members are wondering whether we can resume DR fundraising when the bankruptcy process officially concludes.

8. People to be Thanked

- PC Members whose terms are ending: Dotse Sogah, Diane Bradac and Tom Dunn

9. Other Matters

- New members expressed interest in ways they can become more oriented to their role. Dotse will share some relevant resources with Ted and Poppy so they can assist with an orientation. He also indicated that the new members could find information about the Pastoral Council on the Parish Website.
- Dotse shared a diagram of "Ministries and Committees". Members should let him know of any needed corrections. There is additional work that will need to be done in collaboration with Jane and ministry leads to add links to informational "blurbs".

10. Intercessions and Closing Prayer: Dotse