

**St. Catherine of Siena
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
4/28/25**

Attended by: Steve Dollaway, Poppy McLeod, Jen Kusznir, Mary Crosley, Michelle Arroyo, Ted Skibinski, Valerie Evans, Rosie Fox, Betsy Root, Mike Bovi, John Bradac, Art DeGaetano and Mary Hutchens

- I. **Prayer and Reflection:** Art
- II. **Approval of 4/14/25 Minutes:** Ted/Art
- III. **Suggestion Box/Listening to Parishioners**

Three comments/concerns related to the music ministry were reviewed. Members of the PC emphasized the need for a plan to address these concerns. Ted will summarize the concerns in a letter to Fr. John and encourage the development of a plan.

IV. **Strategic Planning Updates**

We discussed the structure of the 3 Town Halls meetings scheduled after each Mass this coming week-end. Poppy will develop an “introduction” to the Strategic Plan that will summarize our process and attendees will be invited to circulate and add their comments to each posted Focus Area. The purpose of the process is to get higher level feedback and not focus on “wordsmithing”. It was suggested that we post two additional areas. One for more general comments and one for volunteer interest.

Available members offered to assist in facilitating each meeting.

A copy of the latest draft of the Plan will be made available to parishioners later this week. There will also be suggestions for how those who cannot attend the Town Halls can contribute feedback on the Plan.

V. **New Business**

- A. People to be thanked in the Bulletin:
 - First Eucharist Teachers
 - To Clara Barrett and her team for bringing Sr. Nancy Murray and her performance to our parish.
 - Congratulations to those who received their First Eucharist this month and to their families.

- B. Items from Annual Planning Calendar
 - a. Peace Festival: Ted reported that five volunteers have offered to be involved. He will have more information at the next meeting.
 - b. Volunteer Recognition Event: We agreed to combine this event with the Parish Picnic on 6/22.
 - c. Parish Picnic: Rosie reported that she is waiting to hear about who will be following up with necessary permits. This event will be a “dish-to-pass” with burgers, hotdogs and pulled pork supplied by the parish.
 - d. PC Member Terms: It appears that only one member is not eligible to continue in the next year having served two full terms. Ted will bring the list next time for any necessary clarification. Nomination forms will be distributed in the next few weeks and new members chosen on the week-end of Pentecost. We agreed it would be important to add a youth member to the Council.
 - e. Update on Hearing Devices: Betsy reported that the missing hearing devices have been located. Betsy will contact Lisa Hens to request that an announcement of their availability be placed in the Bulletin.

VI. Review of Action Items

- A. Rosie offered to do the prayer at our next meeting on May 12.
- B. Ted will send a letter to Fr. John.
- C. Poppy will write an Introduction to be used at the Town Hall Meetings

VII. Closing Prayer: Art