

**St. Catherine of Siena
Pastoral Council Minutes
May 12, 2025**

Attended: Fr. John Omboga, Steve Dollaway, Art DeGaetano, Valerie Evans, Mike Bovi, Mary Crosley, Michelle Arroyo, John Bradac, Betsy Root, Rosie Fox, Mary Hutchens, Poppy McLeod and Jen Kuszniir

Guests: Jane and Jeff Doyle

- I. **Opening Prayer and Reflection:** Rosie Fox
- II. **Listening to Parishioners:** Jane and Jeff Doyle reviewed their concerns about the Liturgical Music Program.
- III. **Minutes of 4/28/25:** Approved (John/Mike)
- IV. **Executive Session (Val/Art)**
Coming out of Executive Session, it was agreed that the recommendations discussed would be summarized by Jen and forwarded to Fr. John. Mary will thank the Doyle's for attending our meeting.
- V. **Fr. John Updates**
 - a. There will be an event in Rochester on June 25 from 9-12 for volunteers and staff who have been involved in the census.
 - b. Our contribution to next year's CMA will be \$58,000
 - c. A Kenyan Missionary will preach on 6/22/25.
 - d. There will be a conference at Immaculate Conception on Thursday.
 - e. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on 5/19 regarding the recent papal appointment.
 - f. Fidel will be leaving his position in the Fall as he is relocating out of the area.
- VI. **Strategic Plan Discussion**
 - a. Discuss Feedback from Parishioners: Mary C. presented the feedback from the Town Hall meetings and the Task Force. Specific details were discussed and consensus reached about what to change and what to leave as written.
 - b. Plan for Finalizing and Submitting to the Diocese: A final draft of the Plan will be submitted to Fr. John within a week. Fr. John will deliver the Plan to the Diocese on 5/20. The Diocese will review the Plan and recommend changes to the PC.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Items from Annual Planning Calendar
 - a. Easter and Holy Week Debrief: Rosie thanked Fr. John for bringing back certain traditions. Valerie advised that the parish not spend extra money for singers.

- b. Peace Festival Updates: There is a planning meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
 - c. Parish Picnic: Scheduled for 6/22. We are receiving assistance from Auburn to obtain the tent permit. There will not be a band at this event.
 - d. New Members: We should be actively be recruiting a youth member for the PC.
- B. People to be Thanked in the Bulletin:
 - a. Those who worked on the parish census.
 - b. Faith Formation teachers.
 - c. Those who attended the Town Hall meetings.
- C. Next Meeting: June 23 at 7pm. Betsy will do the Opening Prayer.

VIII. **Closing Prayer:** Rosie