

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2014

Attendees: Dennis Clark, Dianne Wilson, Mary Marquardt, Tim Gilbert, Mike Saharsky, Mary Joe Ross, Fr. Paul Demuth, Steve Laszewski, Michele Stein

Approval of November PC Minutes – Dianne Wilson

Motion made, seconded and approved.

Pastoral Update – Fr. Demuth

The sound and audiovisual system has been updated as planned except for the live streaming. A generous donor has covered the funds for these updates.

Also an amazing donor has stepped forward to cover the costs of a new lighting system. The first bid received for the lighting was \$47,500; however, our policy is to bid projects out to three contractors. Target date for the actual updates is targeted for the summer months.

Donations and gifts for the Christmas giving to the Menominee Nation were delivered. A huge thank you is extended to Mary Jo Ross for once again organizing a successful outreach event.

Historically SEAS has been involved in numerous giving programs and new requests come in yearly. How do we include all this outreach work into our vision plan? It was agreed that we need a small group to develop and propose a plan. Fr. Demuth will put together some thoughts for the group to consider.

Vision Update – Dianne Wilson

A ‘Welcome Ministry’ was created combining the Hospitality and Greeting Ministries. This is a six-month pilot program that will report to the Executive Committee beginning in January.

The Stewardship Committee completed a successful Stewardship weekend. Committee Chairs are now working on their next project named WRAP – Welcoming/Registration Area for Parishioners. More details to follow.

The newly re-designed website is up and running www.seasgb.org. Both the re-designed website and the parish digital strategy will be introduced at all Masses the weekend of December 13/14.

The Vision Roadmap was shared: Build, Invite, Connect and Grow as Disciples of Christ. The first phase, building up the Weekend Experience, is well underway.

Bishop Report Holy Hour Implementation – Dianne Wilson

Bishop Ricken requested parishes to complete a Holy Hour Parish Implementation Plan Report for Year Four 2014-2015. This report was completed and returned. SEAS implemented a Holy Hour opportunity for the coming year to be held on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00PM.

Affirmation of New Diocesan Fundraiser Policies – Alcohol and Firearms – Dianne Wilson

The Diocese has outlined what are and are not acceptable items for fundraisers in respect to alcohol and firearms. Dianne asked for a motion to affirm and adopt the policy as of October 1, 2015. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Miscellaneous

The Pastoral Council Congress – Renewing the Pastoral Council is scheduled for February 28, 2015. Webinar sessions will be available for Pastoral Council and Finance Council members on February 3rd and March 10th.

We could not have completed the re-design of the website without the expertise and man-hours provided by Imaginasium. A Resolution of Thanks will be sent to them in appreciation for all they have contributed.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Demuth

Respectfully Submitted by Michele Stein