Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Mary Moore, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Ken Ellis, Matt Frank, and JoAnne Clark

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the Pastoral Council meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the June 18, 2026 meeting were approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Fr. Don handed out this meeting's agenda, which was approved, with the addition of "Welcome Desk", "Pictorial Directory Update", and "Catechist Blurb".
4. **Walls of Jericho:** To date, we have 53 of the 75 city blocks spoken for. This is 70% participation, exceeding our goal of 60% participation. There is a new, blank map in the narthex. When participants finish walking their block, they will color in their block on the map with a highlighter. The final day for walking will be Sept 30.
5. **Pictorial Directory:** The new directories are in. Those who purchased pictures can pick up their free directory. Others are available for purchase.
6. **Catechist Blurb:** It was suggested that we put a weekly blurb in the bulletin, regarding a small item about our Catholic faith. Fr. Don liked the idea, and said he would take it to the Worship Committee.
7. **50th Anniversary of SEAS.** 2028 will be our 50th anniversary as a parish. Fr. Don suggested it is not too late to start thinking of fun ways to celebrate.
8. **Stewardship Fair:** This is planned for October 24-25. This will be a display of the diversity of opportunities that a person can get involved with at SEAS. There will be representatives from each group, along with general information on the purpose of each group. There will be a hospitality table, along with sign up sheets. We decided to keep everything upstairs, and indoors, as weather could be a factor.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2026, 6:00 pm

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Thursday, June 18, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Mary Moore, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Ken Ellis, and Joanne Clark.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the Pastoral Council meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the May 21, 2026 meeting were approved.

3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Fr. Don handed out the agenda for this meeting. The agenda was approved.

4. **Summer Book Club:** A group email was sent out by Jennifer. All members of the various committees, and Pastoral Council are encouraged to read Deacon Steve's recent book titled "The Whole in our Soul". There will be 2 book club meetings. The first meeting will be an introduction to the book, hosted by Deacon Conrad. The second meeting will be a wrap up discussion, hosted by Deacon Steve.

5. **Walls of Jericho:** This will be a spiritual activity everyone can participate in during the entire month of September. Parishioners are encouraged to volunteer to walk around their block once for 6 consecutive days. Then, on the 7th day, they will walk around that block 7 times. While walking, they will pray for their neighbors living on that block. They will pray that the walls around their heart, that are keeping them from wanting a closer relationship with Jesus, come tumbling down.

    a. Sign up opportunities will be in August, with the following people explaining the activity after each of the following masses:
        Aug 1, 4:15 mass Matt Frank
        Aug 2, 8:30 mass Cathy Schulz, 10:30 mass Ken Ellis
        Aug 8, 4:15 mass JoAnne Clark (JoAnne also volunteered to write a bulletin article in mid-August)
        Aug 9, 8:30 mass Marry Moore, 10:30 mass Mike Biese
    b. Map: Matt Frank provided a map of the neighborhood served by S.E.A.S. Parishioners will be able to sign up for their desired block, on a first come first served basis.
    c. Goal: We set a goal of getting 30 people involved in this activity, which would cover approximately 60% of the neighborhood.

6. **Stewardship Fair:** This will be scheduled for the weekend of Oct 3 & 4.

7. **Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15

Next Meeting will be August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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Thursday, May 21, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Mary Moore, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Ken Ellis, Joanne Clark, Curt Moore, Jeremy Borchardt and Matt Frank

Finance Council/Pastoral Council: The meeting began at 6:00, with the first 30 minutes as a joint meeting with the Finance Council. Jeremy Borchardt, and Curt Moore represented the Finance Council. Jeremy went over the proposed budget for 2026-2027. This budget has a projected deficit of $82,461.33, which Jeremy explained is often the case, when conservatively estimating the amount of revenue, largely from parishioner offerings.

The proposed budget was approved unanimously by the Pastoral Council.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the Pastoral Council meeting at 6:35 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting were approved.
3. **Review of Parish Directory:** Fr. Don was very pleased with the turn out for the Parish Directory. Nearly 250 households participated by having their photos taken. Fr. Don then asked the Council to help with decisions on putting together the order for the directory. Harmann Studios had a step-by-step format. Decisions included cover design, page color and information lay out. After some action discussion, all decisions were made.
4. **Walls of Jericho:** This will be a Spiritual opportunity held during a week in August. Parishioners will be asked to commit to walking around a specific block in their neighborhood 7 times daily, for 7 days. While walking, they will pray that the Holy Spirit knocks down the walls around their neighbor's hearts, allowing them to return to the church. We will pick a week in late August, with sign up sheets, and promotion 2 weeks before. Matt Frank offered to help with the necessary maps. The committee is asked to develop a goal for involvement.
5. **Stewardship Fair:** This is planned for September/October, and will be the topic for the August Pastoral Council meeting.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026, 6:00 pm

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Mary Moore, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Ken Ellis, Joanne Clark and Matt Frank

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March 24, 2026 meeting were approved.
3. **Review of Parish Directory Timeline:** Fr. Don broke the timeline into various parts:
    - **Registered Numbers** There are 183 appointment slots already filled.
    - **Open slots for Greeter sign up:** There are only 4 spots remaining for greeter volunteers. Church staff hasn't been asked to sign up yet.
    - **Phone Calls:** Beginning the first few days of photos, we may call parishioners who haven't signed up yet, especially if there are a lot of open spots remaining.
    - **Appointments:** Individual appointments may be necessary for families who simply cannot make an available time. These appointments would be made at Harmann Studio.
4. **Safety Training:** Matt Frank attended a church safety training seminar on April 7. He shared some of the information with the committee, including the concept of forming a "Concierge Team". Fr. Don suggested he pass the information on to Scott & Jeremy.
5. **Stewardship Fair:** We will begin planning a Stewardship Fair to be held this fall. Tentative dates are Oct 10-11, or Oct 17-18.
6. **Walls of Jericho:** This will be an opportunity for parishioners to commit to walking around a specific block in their neighborhood 7 times daily, for 1 week. We will be praying that the walls around their hearts come tumbling down, and they return to the church. We will pick a week in late August, with sign up sheets, and promotion 2 weeks before. Matt Frank offered to help with the necessary maps. The committee is asked to develop a goal for involvement.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:00 pm

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Mary Moore, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Ken Ellis, and Joanne Clark

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting were approved.
3. **Review of Parish Directory Timeline:** Fr. Don broke the timeline into various parts:
    - **Advertising:** At the next PC meeting, we will each be given a list of phone numbers. These will be parishioners, active, or inactive, who haven't yet signed up for a photo session. The phone calls will serve as a reminder to sign up for a session. A postcard will then be mailed to inactive parishioners. Fr. Don provided a sample postcard, which was approved by the committee, with the addition of "Free Photo" in the explanation.
    - **Rooms:** The basement will be divided into 3 rooms. 2 will be for photo sessions, and the 3rd room will be for reviewing, and purchasing photos.
    - **Staffing:** Greeters will be needed. These were broken down into 2-hour time slots. There are 24 slots total. Fr. Don passed around a volunteer sheet for the greeter positions. When everyone on the committee had a chance to sign up, nearly half of the time slots were filled.
    - **Schedule:** The photo session schedule is easily accessed by scanning the QR code using a smart phone.
4. **Parish Goals:** Our first goal is to increase mass attendance by 10% over the next 3 years. The 2nd goal is to increase parishioner involvement by 20%. A "Stewardship Fair" will be scheduled for this Fall. This Stewardship Fair will be a real nice way to increase parishioner awareness all the different ways to get more involved in our church.
5. **Hearing Loop:** A hearing loop is included in the remodeling plans, to be started in mid-April. Fr. Don estimated it would take 5 years for people with hearing aids, to get accustomed to the technology offered. As technology is changing so rapidly, he wanted to make sure that any technological upgrades will be possible, with the system to be installed.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:00 pm

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Thursday, February 19, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Ken Ellis, Matt Frank, Jeff Dierberg, Cathy Schulz, and Joanne Clark

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 5:54 pm with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from January 15, 2026 meeting were approved.
3. **SEAS Signage:**
   - Fr. Don asked for clarification regarding wooden golf course-like signs pointing toward SEAS.
   - Cathy described one located on Hwy 172 between Southpoint and Packerland.
   - Ken will locate the second sign and tell Scott from maintenance know where to find it.
4. **Welcome Desk:** Fr. Don asked for a volunteer to work the Welcome Desk after the 4:15 Mass on 2/21, and Cathy agreed to help.
5. **New Pew Card:**
   - We reviewed a new card developed by the Worship Committee for placement in the pews.
   - The card has the current *Welcome* message on one side and two QR codes on the other side.
   - One code is for people to make a one-time financial donation to the parish, and the other code (still being developed) is for people to inquire about getting involved in the parish.
   - If we have suggestions for the card, we should contact Jennifer Poehlmann.
6. **Worship Space Renovation:**
   - Renovations will begin Monday, 4/13.
   - We will celebrate Masses in the basement on the weekend of April 18/19.
   - The weekend of April 25/26 we will back in the newly renovated church.
   - Fr. Don will research whether we could incorporate a Bluetooth feature in addition to (but not in replacement of) the hearing loop.
7. **Parish Directory:**
   - Fr. Don will schedule a meeting with the Harmann rep (Jon) the week of 2/23. Once the meeting is set, Fr. Don will invite Shelly from the parish office and the Pastoral Council to join him.
   - We will begin promoting the pictorial project the week of 3/8.

- People will be able to sign up for photo times with a QR code or link, and help will be available for people who need assistance using this technology.
- We will likely NOT include addresses in the directory.
- The directory will be put online so we can update it as new people join our parish.
- People who purchase photo packages through Harmann will receive a directory for free, and those who don't purchase photos can buy directories for $20 each.
- We will mail information about the photo schedule and directory to each family registered at SEAS.
- The only cost to our parish will be that of the mailer/postage and time involved in manning the check-in during photo sessions.

8. **Parish Goals:**
    - We determined the *second* parish goal will be to grow engagement by 20% in parish activities, events, and ministries over the next three years.
    - This does not necessarily mean adding more events but rather striving for more people to attend the events we offer.
    - We should ponder how to measure this goal and plan to discuss at the next meeting.
9. **Strategic Planning:** At the next meeting we will begin planning for the Walls of Jericho event.
10. **Meeting Change:** Due to the Parish Mission scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 19, we will have our March meeting on TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2026, 6:00 pm

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Thursday, January 15, 2026

Members Present: Fr. Don, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Joanne Clark, Ken Ellis, and Matt Frank

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:15 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting were approved.
3. **Worship Space Renovations:** Fr. Don discussed the plans for renovation, which include: a hearing loop, carpeting, technology upgrades, organ removal, and a new baptismal font. These upgrades will be in 2026. We have a donor willing to cover 90% of the cost. There is also a $12,000 grant available.
4. **Fire Alarm Procedure:** Scott will post a procedure explaining how to stop the fire alarm. Parishioners will then know how to turn it off if it is accidentally activated.
5. **Parish Directory:** We have a contract with Harmann Studios. Photos are scheduled for May 4-14, from 1:00 pm-8:00 pm daily. We will need help with staffing during photo sessions. We may do a mass mailing to all member households. Pets will be allowed, but not advertised as such.
6. **Emergency Contact Cards:** Cathy Schulz presented an emergency contact card, to be offered to parishioners. This was developed by the health and wellness committee. We suggested to make it double sided, and the same size as a standard business card. There will be room for additional health information, as it may pertain to the individual.
7. **Goals:** Our first goal is to increase mass attendance by 10% over the next 3 years. Father asked each member to pray on ideas for a 2nd goal. This goal must also be specific and measurable, addressing another area that needs improvement. After much discussion, ideas for this 2nd goal included improved communication, and better parishioner involvement.
8. **Strategic Planning:** Once the second goal is in place, we can work on developing a plan to reach both of our goals.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026, 6:00 pm

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Don, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Jeff Dierberg, Mary Moore, Joann Clark, and Matt Frank

1. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Welcome new member:** Fr. Don Introduced Jeff Dierberg as our newest member to the Pastoral Council.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting were approved.
4. **Emergency Contacts:** The Health & Wellness committee will design an Emergency Contact card, and print it in the bulletin. The card can be kept in parishioner's wallets. This suggestion was made after an elderly parishioner fell outside of church. He didn't have a cell phone, and he didn't know his daughter's phone number.
5. **Parish Directory:** We received a contract from Harmann Studios. Photos are scheduled for May 4-14. We need to decide on whether or not to allow pets in the photos. The Pastoral Council recommended yes to pets. We have a goal of 200 households participating.
6. **Information Desk:** Fr. Don asked if Pastoral Council members would be willing to man the information desk after mass, on the rare Sunday when church staff members couldn't do this. This wouldn't be more than one Sunday per month. We all agreed that we could.
7. **Advent Plans:** Fr. Don passed out copies of the "Advent Flyer". This is a single fold one sheet summary of all the events planned during this advent season. There are many opportunities to serve in a ministry, as well as for spiritual growth.
8. **Financial Review:** Fr. Don said we finished the 1st fiscal quarter in good shape. He will stay focused on our position, to in an effort to keep the budget balanced.
9. **Goal Setting:** We agreed our 1st goal is to get a 10% increase in mass attendance over the next 2 years. We were all asked to bring ideas for a 2nd goal to the next meeting.
10. **Other:** It was mentioned the signs pointing to SEAS, on the outskirts of town need some maintenance. Also, SEAS could provide business cards to the various hotels in Green Bay.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting : January 15, 2026, 6:00 pm

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Don, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Ken Ellis, Mary Moore, Joann Clark, Ken Ellis, and Matt Frank

1. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented and approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the Sep 18, 2025 meeting were approved.
4. **Fall Fest:** Fall Fest was held on Sunday, Oct 5. It was a big success, with 300 people attending. It was agreed that we want to do more neighborhood advertising in 2026. Lawn signs would be especially helpful.
5. **Merging Churches:** By November we should know the diocesan plan. This shouldn't affect SEAS.
6. **Evangelization:** Fr. Don discussed his recent attendance to the Clergy Congress. There was an interesting presentation by a Benedictine priest. He discussed parishes that send teams of two people, to canvass neighborhoods, trying to bring more people into the church.
7. **Goal Setting:** Fr. Don will be asking the Pastoral Council to set some goals for the upcoming year. The goals should be clear and measurable. He encouraged each member to come to the next meeting with 2 goals in mind.
8. **Discussion about Reconnecting Parishioners:** Fr. Don also encouraged us to keep the "Action Chart" in mind. We will continue to look for ways to put specific parts of the plan into action.

Next Meeting : November 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

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Thursday, September 18, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Don, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Ken Ellis, Mary Moore, and Matt Frank

1. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented and approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the Aug 21, 2025 meeting were approved.
4. **Annual Meeting Volunteer Appreciation:** Scheduled for Sept 25. Dinner is at 4:30, followed by the Annual Meeting at 5:30.
5. **Parish Directory:** Mary Moore summarized her discussion with Harmann Studios. Harmann would come to SEAAS and take scheduled photos of parish members. For the purchase of a directory, all participants would get a free 8x10 photo. Additional photos can be purchased. Appointments would be made online, but volunteers would be needed to greet the people, check them in, and show them where to go. We agreed to schedule this in the spring of 2026.
6. **Discussion about Reconnecting Parishioners:** We added a few more items to our "Plan" as follows: Second Column. "Parish Directory". Third Column, "Phone Calls/Update records/Family check-in". Fourth Column, we changed "Fall Fest, Parish Picnic" to "Parish Gatherings". We added "Christmas Caroling".
7. **Action: Intercessory Prayer & Mass:** Ways to act on the first column include:
   *Biweekly petitions for increased mass participation.

   * Prayer chain, initiated and managed by Debbie K. Recruit people to be part of the prayer chain. Matt & Cathy agreed to work on this, by putting information in the bulletin.

   *Empty Pew Prayer, Worship Committee can promote this as a Lenten Spiritual Opportunity.

   *Special Masses, This can go on the Worship Committee calendar.

   *Walls of Jerico, This will be another spiritual opportunity during Lent.

   Action: Education/Catechesis/Marketing: Ways to act on the second column include:

   *Why do we go to mass? Fr. Don will write an article for the bulletin. We will also try to get an article in the West Side bulletin, and maybe the Press Gazzette.

   *Lawn Signs, This will be a project for the new marketing committee

   *Eucharistic Ed Opportunities, Fr. Don will talk with the Worship Committee.

   *Parish Directory, After setting a date in 2026, the Pastoral Council will run this.

Next Meeting : October 16, 2025, 6:00 pm

Parish Council Minutes
Thursday, August 21, 2025

A. Fr. Don began the meeting with prayer.

B. Introduction of new members: Joanne Clark and Ken Ellis

C. Election of chairperson postponed until September meeting

D. Agenda approved

E. Minutes from June 2025 minutes approved

F. Group discussed upcoming Annual meeting and appreciation dinner.

G. Group approved going with Harmon for new parish director. Follow up questions about parish copies of directory, digital director, and automated calls. To be discussed further at September meeting

H. Group discussion about engagement possibilities.
   1. Adding eucharistic education opportunities
   2. Adding birthday and anniversary cards
   3. Adding social events like; trivia night, kickball, volleyball, book discussion, etc.
   4. Adding baking for hospitality
   5. Adding volunteer day

I. Next meeting September 18th

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Thursday May 15, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Don, Adam Aicher, Tracy Schuld, Cathy Schulz, Mary Moore

A. **Prayer:** Fr. Don opened the meeting at 6:00 with a prayer.
B. **Review and Approval of Budget:** Jeremy Borchardt presented the proposed 2025-26 Parish Budget. After discussion, the Budget was approved.
C. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented and approved.
D. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March 20 meeting were reviewed and approved.
E. **Reconnecting Parishioners:** Discussion included improved social media presence, sharing content from "Formed" in church before and after Masses, and a Rosary Walk / Walls of Jericho.
F. **Parish Directory:** Mary presented information she obtained from directory vendors. More questions were asked that Mary will investigate prior to the next meeting.
G. **Other:** No other items were presented.
H. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 19, 2025 at 6:00.

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Don, Jill Ferry, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, Mary Moore, and Tracy Schuld

1. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented and approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the January 16 meeting were handed out. They were reviewed and approved without revision.
4. **Revisit Survey Results:** The survey results were reviewed. Music and hospitality are the strengths of our parish. The pandemic definitely hurt attendance, by changing parishioner's habits. It was noted that the older people were quicker to return the survey.
5. **Parish Mission:** There was no decision yet from the Worship Committee.
6. **Reconnection Parishioners:**
    - A new parish directory is a nice way to reconnect families with the church. Mary Moore said she would be willing to look into the various options, to get a new directory started. It was suggested that Jean Glysch might be a good cochair for this project.
    - Fr. Don handed out copies of an "Action Plan" that was developed by St. John the Baptist.
    - Our homework assignment is for each member to fill in one square on the "Action Plan". This would represent an idea, as a way to reconnect with past members, as well as reach new members. Our goal is to increase mass attendance and grow our parish.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 6:00 pm.

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

January 16, 2025

Members Present: Father Don, Jill Ferry, Cathy Schulz, Adam Aicher, Mary Moore, Tracy Schuld

A. **Prayer:** Father Don opened the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.

B. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was presented and approved.

C. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes from the September 19th meeting was handed out. They were reviewed and approved without revision.

D. **Worship Committee's Survey Results:** Mass Survey Results were given to each member. Please review and highlight items, and make notes to discuss at next meeting.

E. **Parish Mission for Next Year:** Parish mission for next year was discussed. The Worship Committee has been looking into dates for a Re-Boot Mission. Planning needs to start at least 6 months out. Chris Stefanick is a well-known national speaker, and our church asked for dates that would work for a mission. More information is at reallifecatholic.com. Our parish would need a group of 5 or 6 parishioners to train.

F. **Reconnecting Parishioners:** The parish is still working on Parish Reconnection. Every 25 years the Catholic Church has a Jubilee Year, which is this year. The focus this year is on **Hope.** We were given a handout written by Pope Francis titled "Hope does not disappoint". May be used for event ideas.

G. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40. The next meeting is set for February 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

Jill Ferry

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

Members Present: Fr. Don, Jill Ferry, Cathy Schulz, Mike Biese, and Tracy Schuld

A. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.

B. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda presented was approved.

C. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the August 22, 2024 Pastoral Council meeting were approved. Upon approval, the minutes will be added to the S.E.A.S. website.

D. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 24 at 6:00 pm.

E. **Volunteer Appreciation:** This free dinner is for all people who have volunteered in any way at our parish. It will be Tuesday, Sept 24, 4:30-6:00 pm. Everyone will be encouraged to stay for the Annual Meeting.

F. **2026 Parish Mission:** The Worship Committee requested that we start planning a Parish Mission for the Lenten season in 2026. This was voted on, and approved by the Pastoral Council. Six months of planning will be needed. A national speaker will be sought. Tickets for admission will be sold to cover the cost of the program.

G. **Social Media:** We are currently putting more items on our website, and Facebook page. But we could be doing more with YouTube videos, Tiktok, and Instagram. This is the language of the younger people. If we want to reach them, we need to speak their language. The youth group may be able to help us in this area.

H. **Reconnection:** Our number one goal is to improve communication to all parishioners. We all agreed we need to do more to reach out to members who have quit coming to church, as well as those who have never come to church. We are all encouraged to find creative ideas to get more people into the church.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2024-6:00 pm

Minutes of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council Thursday. August 22, 2024

Members Present: Fr. Don, Jill Ferry, Cathy Schulz, Adam Aicher, Mike Biese, Mary Moore, and Tracy Schuld

A. **Prayer:** Fr. Don began the meeting at 6:00 with an opening prayer.

B. **Election of Chair, Secretary:** Jill Ferry nominated Adam Aicher as chairperson, Mike Biese seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, Adam was elected Chair. Mike Biese agreed to continue as secretary.

C. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda presented was approved. Fr. Don reminded everyone additional items can always be added to the agenda, before any meeting.

D. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the May 16, 2024 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

E. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 24 at 6:00 pm.

F. **Volunteer Appreciation:** This free dinner is for all people who have volunteered in any way at our parish. It will be Tuesday, Sept 24, 4:30-6:00 pm. Everyone will be encouraged to stay for the Annual Meeting.

G. **Pastoral Council Goals:** Our number one goal is to improve communication to all parishioners. The two most effective means are the website, and the church bulletin. But we all agreed we need to do more. Cathy Schulz suggested a Ministry Fair, as a way of showing parishioners all the ways they can get involved in serving our parish.

H. **Reconnection:** It is still a priority to find ways to reconnect with both the former members we no longer see, as well as the fallen away Catholics who haven't been to church in a long time. Some idea discussed were: Lawn Signs, Christmas Caroling, and Advent/Lenten events. We also plan on having a "Name Tag Sunday", combined with an "Invitation Sunday". Our homework is to continue brainstorming for ways of getting people back to church.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept 19, 2024 6:00 pm.