

St. Catharine of Siena Church
4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Attendance: Fr. Brian Miller, Deacon John Stapleton, Michael Balla - Chair, Robert Hoffman- Vice Chair, Lisa Ianni, Michael Lenhart, Karen McDevitt, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Deanna Stratton, Michael Wertz

Absent: Fr. Matthew Kuna, Paul Bassler, Emmanuel Geishouser, Gerald Nowotarski, Troy Rudy, Michelle Wunder, Marci Zambito - DRE Ex-officio member, Mary Ann Zerkowski

The meeting began with a prayer.

Fr. Miller shared the following information.

- Council Business
 - Assignment of positions – 3 years
 - Chair: Michael Balla
 - Vice-Chair: Robert Hoffman
 - Secretary: Lisa Siciliano
- Parish Spiritual Life
 - Christmas
 - Lent
 - Easter
 - Future Studies
 - 40 Hours – 2nd week of October
 - RCIA
 - Youth
 - Evangelization
- Parish Temporal Life
 - Future projects
 - Carpet replacement
 - New rectory
 - New Parish office
 - New chapel
 - New meeting space
 - Repave parking lot when construction ends
 - Fundraising ideas

- Parish picnic/festival
- Sunday morning breakfast
- Other ideas
 - Raffles, 50/50, cars, etc.
 - Casino night
 - Night at the Races
 - Flowers like Poinsettia's in honor of family or friends
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Bake sales
 - Pierogi sales
 - Spaghetti or other dinners after the Saturday 4:30 mass
- Open Floor
 - 1st Responders Mass
 - Corpus Christi in June with explanation of the Mass
 - 100th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Schlert May 18, 2025
 - Monthly special events in 2025 leading up to the anniversary
 - New parish directory
 - Discussion about by-laws and committees
 - Family catechesis in the Fall with materials from the Augustine Institute
 - Members took turns expressing why they wanted to serve on Parish Council and what ideas and skills they bring to the group
 - Mike Balla will get pricing to stencil the paved area in front of the portico
 - Suggestion box
 - Signage about use of the Social Hall
 - Reserving in advance
 - Proper clean-up
 - What equipment can be used
 - Do we need to change the Social Hall locks and go to a key fob system?
 - Discussion about pulpit announcements
 - Fr. Miller will look into a telephone notification system similar to HGAs
 - Hosting a Valentine's Mass with renewal of wedding vows followed by dinner in the social hall

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center

The meeting ended in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa A. Siciliano
 Secretary