

## **St. Catherine of Siena Pastoral Council Minutes**

**March 12, 2018**

**Members Present:** Msgr. R. Morris, B. Langley, C. Creamer, K. Bentley, AM Hoobin, J. Hlavacka, B. Atherton, M. Ustick, S. Helton

**Absent:** None

**Religious Clergy, Nuns and Laity Present:** J. Marino, Sr. Kathleen

7:00 p.m. Prayer by Msgr. Morris

Minutes from the February meeting were read and corrected. Motion to approve was passed

### **NEW BUSINESS**

This evening's Council meeting focused exclusively on the members of the Council preparing for the next level of strategic plans for the 2018 St. Catherine's Pastoral Plan. Monsignor noted that the Diocese is waiting for Bishop Parkes to finalize Visioning the Way plans.

Msg. commented that the Council, traditionally, developed the Parish Plan with the assistance of the Catholic Leadership Institute. Msg. Reminded members that the Council is representing the parishioners of St. Catherine and sharing their concerns, questions, and suggestions with Msg. Morris who listens to what they have to share. The Catholic Leadership Institute has intentionally created a program that allows the council to look at a variety of issues that may not be considered by a parish that are important to the Pastoral administration of the church. Thus, the Catholic Leadership Institute has provided a packet of different colors of cards. Each color of the cards in the packet represent casual concerns, strategic drivers, structural framework of the church, and ministry concerns and outcomes. Msg. advised the Council that there will be some areas of legitimate concerns as well as areas that are of no concern at the current time. Council members paired into teams, each was given a packet of colored cards and asked to sort them, prioritizing areas of each color that reflected legitimate concerns, based on the experience and opinion of each team. At the next Pastoral Meeting, members will discuss the areas that were prioritized by the teams.

The teams paired up and sorted the cards, each reporting back to the Council for the remaining time of the meeting.

*Monsignor Morris* offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20. The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held April 9th, 2018.

*Respectfully Submitted:* Beth Langley

Cards and colors: pair up

Legitimate concerns and what are not. Examples: we don't regularly assess legitimate or not legitimate

first; legitimate or not legitimate

Then top priority issues in each category discuss at the next meeting

Today reacting

don't worry about colors

