

Saint Pius X
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – September 12, 2023

Present: Katy Chattin, Colleen Ciciulla, Kristine Ericson, Bill Fell, Justin Frauendorfer, Mary Ellen Freyermuth, Katherine Horvath, Barb Houlden, Cindy Johnson, Faith Kurtyka, Norah Morris, Marilyn Valerio, Robin Versch, Erica Williamson, Mary Coyle

Absent: Father Joe Wray, Sam Griffin, Jerry Klug, Jerry Morrissey

I. Call to Order

Pastoral Council President Erica Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Opening Prayer

Cindy Johnson led the opening prayer.

III. Roll Call

Mary Coyle recorded the names of those in attendance.

IV. Reflection Question

Erica asked members to introduce themselves to the group, and to report how long they had been in the parish and on the council as well as why they chose to be part of the Pastoral Council.

V. Review and approve Minutes of June 13, 2023

Kristine Ericson moved the minutes of June 13 be approved with no revisions. Barb Houlden seconded the motion. The June 13, 2023 minutes were approved.

VI. New Business

A. Finance Committee

- Finance Committee member Justin Frauendorfer introduced himself to the Pastoral Council. He reported that the parish has a nice endowment. He added that the parish still needs to pay \$56,000 to St. Pius X/St. Leo School - its share of supplemental tuition. He said the Finance Committee approved a 3 percent increase in the parish budget from last year and added he feels good about where the budget currently is.
- Marilyn Valerio asked Justin how the money given to the parish is allocated.
- Parish Trustee Mary Ellen Freyermuth, also a member of the Finance Committee, said the money given to the Parish goes into the operating budget unless it is specifically designated to be used for a parish project such as the parking lots, heating & air conditioning, etc. She added that the Archdiocese assesses each parish a designated amount each year. She added that the Archdiocese requires each parish to have a balanced budget.
- Kristine Ericson asked how the parish budget is determined. Justin said the budget is set based on historical numbers. Kristine asked if parishioners know the goal for each parish project. She said a year-end report of the funds raised for these projects could be prepared to present to parishioners.

B. Parish Center Update

Erica said parish staff is aware of the condition of the carpet in the Parish Center and other needed repairs.

She wondered if there would be a need to have a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. Mary Ellen said a committee could be formed and could develop a formal master plan for raising funds for the needed repairs and renovations.

Erica volunteered to be part of this committee and she will ask Rita Ramos to also be part of the committee.

C. Grounds Committee

The Ground Committee met in July. Brian Schiefen has been hired as the Director of Maintenance. The committee will be meeting again to evaluate the St. Pius property and how to address maintenance areas. The committee wants to reinstate the Fall and Spring Clean-Up.

Bill Fell was asked about rebuilding the Marian grotto. He said he counted 108 stones from the original structure as well as 53 from the lower level and the shelf where the Blessed Mother statue sits. Bill said Marty on the maintenance team knows people at St. Bernard Parish who could be consulted about rebuilding the grotto.

Cindy Johnson suggested the grotto could be dedicated as part of the 70th anniversary celebration.

Erica said anyone who is interested may join the Grounds Committee.

D. Christmas Eve Mass 4:30 p.m.

Like last year, St. Pius X Parish will again offer a Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 p.m. A Children's Choir may be a possibility at this Mass.

The School Fundraiser Committee had asked if a front pew and a reserved parking spot for the Christmas Eve Mass could be donated and auctioned at the fundraiser. The Pastoral Council discussed the options. At a council meeting in the spring when this was proposed, Father Gadache had said he was not in favor of someone paying for a place to sit in church.

Pastoral Council members said they felt the reserved parking spot could be auctioned, but not the pew. Father Joe's input will be required for this decision.

E. 70th Anniversary

Cindy said a group met in June to discuss plans for celebrating the 70th Anniversary of St. Pius X Parish. She said the group felt it was too far ahead to make any decisions. The group discussed possibly creating another picture directory of parish families, promoting 70 "good deeds" to display in the narthex, and celebrating St. Pius X Feast Day in August with maybe a formal dinner.

F. Four New Council Members

Erica said council members should begin thinking about parishioners who may be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council next year. Erica Williamson, Katy Chattin, Robin Versch and Marilyn Valerio will be at the end of their terms next May.

G. Festival Chairs

Erica said the 2024 Festival Committee will need new chairpersons for the Sportsman, Games and Dime Toss Booths. The Festival Committee will try to get official commitments by November. She said the 2023 Festival raised \$47,000-\$48,000.

H. Pancake Breakfast

The Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 17 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

I. Athletic Department

The discussion concerning the Athletic Department was tabled until the next meeting.

J. Other

- Barb Houlden was asked by a visitor how parish funds are used to pay insurance premiums. Pastoral Council members agreed that this is an issue to be answered by Father Joe.
- Marilyn asked where the name tags for greeters were located. She said she had been unable to find them. Cindy said the name tags were stored in the usher's closet.
- A parishioner asked if missalettes with bigger print could be available. Cindy said the parish has some larger print books and they are in the usher's closet. She said she would check on how many are available.
- A parishioner asked when music would be coming back. Cindy asked for patience. She said new people are stepping up to get involved in music for liturgies.
- Father Joe will soon begin training for new altar servers.
- The list of parishioner birthdays is no longer available in the narthex or online.
- The weekend of September 30-October 1 is the next meet and greet.

VII. Closing

The Pastoral Council prayed the parish prayer to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

VIII. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coyle
Recording Secretary