

**Saint Pius X**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – April 9, 2024**

**Present:** Deacon Kevin Fuller, Katy Chattin, Bill Fell, Colleen Ciciulla, Kristine Ericson, Mary Ellen Freyermuth, Sam Griffin, Barb Houlden, Cindy Johnson, Jerry Klug, Faith Kurtyka, Norah Morris, Marilyn Valerio, Erica Williamson, Mary Coyle

**Absent:** Katherine Horvath, Jerry Morrissey, Robin Versch

**I. Call to Order**

Pastoral Council President Erica Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. Opening Prayer**

Mary Ellen Freyermuth led the opening prayer.

**III. Roll Call**

Mary Coyle recorded the names of those in attendance.

**IV. Review and Approve Pastoral Council Minutes – March 12, 2024**

Sam Griffin moved the minutes of March 12 be approved. Barb Houlden seconded the motion. The minutes of March 12, 2024 were approved without any changes.

**V. Financial Report**

- Marilyn Valerio asked about by-laws for the Finance Committee. Mary Ellen Freyermuth said there is a template from the Archdiocese that the Finance Committee follows.
- The school's fundraising efforts have been better than the parish fundraising. The parish's main fundraiser is the Festival in June. Erica said the parish needs to make the Festival make money.
- Deacon Kevin Fuller said the parish need to figure out its partnership with the school. Parish giving will not keep the parish sustained in the long term, he said. The question for the parish is "How do we increase giving and the number of parishioners? One response is to encourage the growth of young adult membership in the parish.
- Mary Ellen said the Finance Committee is working on the 2024-2025 budget. A report to the archdiocese is due in May. She said the committee has been looking at parish historical financial data over the past three years in trying to answer the questions - "Where have we been? Where are we now? and Where will we be in the future? She added the Finance Committee wants to make sure to be "transparent" and is diligently working on putting together a realistic budget.
- Sam asked if the efforts to increase the weekly contributions have made a difference. Mary Ellen said "yes" - the presentations from the pulpit have been well-received. She said she hopes the new pastor will share our vision for the parish and will help boost membership. Deacon Kevin added that the parish may know in a week who will serve as the next pastor.

## **VI. School Updates**

- New Principal Katy Chattin reported the recent student-led Mass was well attended. On Sunday, April 21, the second and eighth grade students will lead the 9:30 Liturgy.
- Katy said she has six openings for teachers left to be filled for the 2024-2025 school year. There are no applicants the junior high positions. She added that there is a waitlist in some classes.

## **VII. Festival Update**

- A. Erica reported sponsorship letters will be in the narthex on the weekends of April 6-7 and April 13-14.
- B. The committee is collecting glassware and gently used books in bins in the narthex.
- C. A flyer about the Cornhole Tournament is coming soon.
- D. Sign-ups and donation lists will be available in the narthex beginning the weekend of April 20-21.
- E. Sign-ups for the outside games will be available on Sign-Up Genius.
- F. Collection of items for the Silent Auction has already begun.

## **VIII. Other**

- A. The kick-off of St. Pius X 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, May 19. The Committee has planned a variety of ways to celebrate the parish's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary including -
  - 70 Acts of Kindness
  - Bulletin Announcements
  - T-shirts
  - Parish Jubilee Prayer
  - Parish Picnic in August near the feast day of St. Pius X
  - History and pictures in the display case in the narthex
  - Participation in the Dundee and Benson paradesDeacon Kevin appointed Bill Fell to report on all the anniversary activities.
- B. Cindy Johnson's last day as Pastoral Minister at St. Pius will be April 12. Deacon Kevin thanked Cindy for all her work for the parish. He said any questions that would have been directed to Cindy should now be directed to him.
- C. Deacon Kevin will give a "State of the Parish" homily during the weekend liturgies on April 20-21.
- D. Erica said four new Pastoral Council members need to be selected in the Spring. She said a few parishioners have responded to invitations to join the Council. All responses are due by April 30.
- E. Meet & Greet Topics
  - Barb Houlden was asked if different cultures could be represented in weekend liturgies – possibly African or Hispanic. Deacon Kevin said different languages could be used for the readings and rituals.
  - Barb also heard from a parishioner that parents are not able to hear in the narthex during the liturgy. Colleen Ciciulla said Bob could reset the sound system.
  - Another parishioner asked her when the new pastor would be announced.

- Deacon Kevin said sharing the cup during Holy Communion would return soon. The cup was available during Holy Thursday services and at the First Communion liturgy. He said sharing from the Communion cup would continue to be optional.
- F. Faith Kurtyka volunteered to prepare the opening prayer at the May Pastoral Council meeting.

**IX. Closing**

The Pastoral Council prayed the Parish Prayer to close the meeting.

**X. Next Meeting**

The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

The Meet/Greet will be after the liturgies on May 4 & 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coyle  
Recording Secretary

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** The last Pastoral Council meeting for the year will be Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m.  
Dinner will follow the meeting. Spouses or significant others are welcome to attend.  
Council members are encouraged to bring a dessert.