

Saint Pius X
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday – May 14, 2024

Present: Deacon Kevin Fuller, Kristine Ericson, Mary Ellen Freyermuth, Sam Griffin, Katherine Horvath, Barb Houlden, Jerry Klug, Faith Kurtyka, Norah Morris, Marilyn Valerio, Robin Versch, Erica Williamson, Mary Coyle

Absent: Katy Chattin, Colleen Ciciulla, Bill Fell, Jerry Morrissey,

I. Call to Order

Pastoral Council President Erica Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Opening Prayer

Faith Kurtyka led the opening prayer.

III. Roll Call

Mary Coyle recorded the names of those in attendance.

IV. Review and Approve Pastoral Council Minutes – April 9, 2024

Faith Kurtyka moved the minutes of April 9 be approved. Barb Houlden seconded the motion. The minutes of April 9, 2024 were approved without changes.

V. Financial Report

A. Approve Finance Council By-Laws

- Erica said the Pastoral Council needs to give final approval of the Finance Council Statutes. Deacon Kevin Fuller said this document had been created to fit the needs of St. Pius X Parish. Sam Griffith asked about the language used in Section A, parts 6, 7, & 8 which state - Part 6: “The council shall advise the pastor on all **acts of extraordinary administration (c. 1277)**” Part 7: “The pastor shall hear the council on all **acts of major importance (c. 1277)**” and Part 8: “The pastor shall seek council’s advice on all **acts of ordinary administration**”. Deacon Kevin explained the language of the document was taken from Canon Law 1277. The archbishop’s approval of the document will be necessary as per Canon Law 1277.
- Faith asked if the Pastoral Council has a document similar to the Finance Council Statutes. Erica said yes. This document had been updated in 2020 and needs to be updated again.
- Mary Ellen Freyermuth said the biggest difference between the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council is that the pastor is involved in the selection of the Finance Council members.
- Kristine Ericson asked how the document will be rolled out. Deacon Kevin said the new pastor, Father Mark will assist in this.
- Membership for the Finance Council is a 3-year term. Erica is currently the Pastoral Council liaison to the Finance Council.
- Kristine moved that the Finance Council Statutes be approved. Barb Houlden seconded the motion. The document was unanimously approved.

B. 2024-2025 Parish Budget

- The 2024-2025 Parish Budget, previously approved by the Finance Council, was presented to the Pastoral Council.
- Mary Ellen said the Finance Council made a big effort to put together a balanced, realistic budget. She added that included in the 2024-2025 budget are “wish” items and the Finance Council feels the parish will be able to handle this.
- Kristine noted the school expense was listed at \$600,000. Last year, the parish paid the school \$680,000.
- Also noted was an increase in the expense of staffing. The new pastor will decide on hiring. The Pastoral Associate position still needs to be filled.
- Administrative service items include upgrading technology in the rectory. This will need to be taken care of this fiscal year.
- Funds were raised to refurbish the rectory in preparation for the new pastor.
- Another “dream” included in the budget was for employees to go back to attending training events. Mary Ellen said the staff has decided to not go this year.

C. Rectory & Parish Update

- The rectory needs to be refurbished before Father Mark arrives in June.
- The flooring upstairs in the rectory, in the priest’s office and in the hallway will be replaced. Carpet removal will happen this weekend. The furniture will be steam cleaned. The plan is for all rectory refurbishing to be completed and paid for by the end of May.
- Deacon Kevin said the parishioners at St. Pius are very generous people!
- The parish recently received a \$25,000 donation for the renovation of the parish center. The compressor in the kitchen broke and the cost to repair it was \$3,300.
- Parishioners are encouraged to cross out the words “Parking Lot” on the envelopes in the packet and write in “Parish Center”. Mary Ellen said many parishioners have been doing just that.

VI. School Updates

- The school is still hiring. There are still three positions to be filled for the 2024-2025 school year.
- There will be no school masses until the fall.

VII. Festival Update

- Erica said the Parish Festival is 2½ weeks away. She asked Pastoral Council members to promote the event to their family, friends and neighbors. Sign-ups are coming along; however, volunteers from the school are lacking.
- A record 50 soccer teams are registered.
- Set-up will begin on the Wednesday before the festival. The maintenance staff is on board.
- There is a low number of 2-liters of pop that have been donated so far.
- The Games Chairman position has not been filled.
- Some of the games have been refreshed
- Lots of books have been donated for the book sale.
- Donations of glassware to be used for the dime toss are up.
- Festival signs are ready and parishioners may take them put them up soon.
- Great items have been donated for the silent auction.

VIII. Other

A. Open Council Positions

New members of the Pastoral Council will be chosen on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Executive leadership will be needed for 2024-2025.

B. 70th Anniversary

The kick-off of St. Pius X 70th Anniversary celebration will be Sunday, May 19.

C. Going Away Thank You for Father Mario & Deacon Kevin

This will take place on Sunday, June 16 following the 9:30 liturgy. Robin Versch and Barb Houlden volunteered to help organize the event. They will connect with Colleen Ciciulla.

D. June Meeting

The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30. Members are asked to bring snacks to share. New members will be introduced.

E. Meet & Greet Topics

- Barb Houlden had a request for a cry room. Another person asked if people could be asked to stop talking to each other during the liturgy.

IX. Closing

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

X. Next Meeting

The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Barb Houlden volunteered to prepare the opening prayer for the meeting.

The Meet/Greet will be after the liturgies on June 1 & 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coyle
Recording Secretary