

**Saint Pius X**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday – Sept 10, 2024 Time -6:30 PM**  
**Location-Parish Center**

**Present:** Father Mark Tomaszewicz, Justin Cyboron, Kristine Ericson, Bill Fell, Sam Griffin, Katherine Horvath, Barb Houlden, Cheslee Klinger, Jerry Klug, Faith Kurtyka, Jessica Lathrop, Norah Morris, Mary Ellen Freyermuth,

**Absent:** Mary Coyle, Jerry Morrissey, Justin F.

**I. Call to Order**

Kristine Ericson, President of the Pastoral Council, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Cheslee Klinger recorded the names of those in attendance.

**III. Opening Prayer**

Father Mark led the opening prayer, and the council members observed a moment of silent reflection, followed by sharing within the group.

**IV. Review and approve Pastoral Council meeting minutes of Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

No changes were proposed for the June 11 minutes. Barb motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mary Ellen Freyermuth.

The minutes of June 11, 2024, were approved.

**V. Pastoral Council Role Review**

A handout was given out by Father Mark. This handout gave a summary of the purpose of The Parish Pastoral Council and their roles as member. The handout further explained The Second Vatican and the roles we have as Christians or our roles as laity within the church as well as Canon Law and how the faith community in 1983 recommended that each bishop establish an Arch/diocesan & Parish Pastoral Council. The Role of the Parish Pastoral Council spoke to the purpose, focus, function and intent of the members.

The Focus or vision of the Parish Council should be focused on the Word, Worship, Service and Stewardship.

The Function or role of the Parish Council providing consultation to the pastor, promoting the mission of the parish, engaging in pastoral planning through developing parish goals and further implementing them, attending to prayer and continuing education, listening and representing the wisdom of the many perspectives present in the community, taking responsibility for ongoing renewal of parish life and calling forth the gifts of individuals and community, and cooperating with other parishes and the Archdiocese in the fulfillment of the broader mission of the Church.

Jessica asked a question on how long member can serve on the Pastoral Council. Father Mark replied, "Pastoral Council members can serve a three-year term. They can serve on the executive committee for two years but then they will need to have 1 year off."

## **VI. Sub-committee for Bylaw Updates**

It has been 4 years since the Bylaws were evaluation.

Kristine would like to get a subcommittee together to assess these Bylaws. Mary Ellen, Sam, Jessica volunteered to be members of the sub-committee. Father Mark and Kristine will be available for a consult in the case they have questions or concerns.

Kristine asked if anyone had topics or concerns, they would like to discuss about the Bylaws.

No comments were made.

Kristine would like to ensure the sub-committee to review the Bylaws to the entirety but also focus on:

- The requirements around the size of the committee. How many members need to serve as laity on the Parish Council?
- The requirements around the specific term, in which is currently outlined in the Bylaws. It would be more beneficial for the council to pair the term served with the fiscal year.
- The requirements on the time and frequency the Parish Council meets. Is there a specific day of the week, time etc?

Kristine will send an electronic version of the Bylaw and Finance Committees to Mary Ellen, Jessica and Sam for review.

Sub-Committee to update the Council in 2 mo. November 12

## **VII. Financial Report**

Father Mark gave a summary of the Financial Recap of last Fiscal year [July1, 2023 – June 30, 2024]. This is an example that will be presented to the members of the church. This will be reported in the bulletin and E-News.

Father Mark would like to create a sub-committee to help with the renovation of the parish center.

Father Mark would like to start a Church Saving account proactive financial management.

Father Mark was not part of last years budget but we have been wisely spending our money and saving when possible. We have completed paying for our deficit and can begin to look and plan for the future of St. Pius X.

Father Mark has 2-3 full time employees and 2 part-time employees.

Ann McMarrow is the new music coordinator. She will make sure we get music coordinated at every mass and help with funeral and parish celebrations.

Father Mark would like to get a sub-committee together to meet monthly to discuss his goals and keep him on track.

The financial results will be presented in a simple way in the bulletin to help be

more transparent with our congregation. Father Mark will also add this information to the quarterly and annual reports.

### **VIII. School Updates**

- Father Craig and Mark met with Katy Chattin & Terri Preston this past week.
- The major positions are all filled but tying up some small contract ends.
- 600+ kids enrolled.
- Grandparents mass on Thursday.
- Father Mark attended the major endowment board meeting on 09SEPT2024.
- Kristine mentions that the school has the major fundraiser next month.
- The school cafeteria and gym were remodeled during the summer.

### **IX. Other**

#### **A. September Meet & Greet Topics**

- Cathy was asked if we can start an adult program for people who need to do community service. Father Mark described issues with liability that will need to be considered in order to protect the church.
- Barb was asked several questions over several weeks. She thinks that Father Marks Financial Recap plan to the parish will clear up the questions that were asked during mass.
  1. How much money has been given to parish projects over the last fiscal year?
  2. What is going on in the financial committee?
  3. Members who spent time in the Narthex during church with their children, wondered if the doors can be closed if families are back there during mass.
  4. Another member mentions, he had been away from the parish and has recently come back. He mentioned that he felt the congregation has lost their joy. Father Mark mentioned that he is a new member to our Parish and believes we have a wonderful joyous choir as well as having well participation throughout the Parish. The council is hoping this member will give it time to settle in the Parish as well as join in the Choir and contribute to our success.
- Kristine- mentioned to Father Mark that it was nice to hear Father Mark in the bulletin. Father Mark will do this monthly.
- Jessica asked Father Mark if we will have school masses during the week. Father Mark will talk to Ann, he wants them align on what jobs the kids can do during mass.

### **X. Closing-Parish Mission**

Father Mark ended with a reflection and asked for feedback.

Barb appreciates the young adults in the room due to them raising family and servicing the church.

Faith appreciates the transparency.

Kristine appreciates the Financial Recap

Father Mark ended the meeting with Glory B.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

**XI. Future Meetings**

- The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Father Mark will prepare the opening prayer for the meeting.
- The next Meet & Greet will be after the liturgies on October 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Future Meetings</b>	<b>Future Meet &amp; Greets</b>
October 8	October 5-6
November 12	November 2-3
December 10 (tentative)	December 7-8
January 14	January 4-5
February 11	February 1-2
March 11	March 1-2
April 8	April 5-6
May 13	May 3-4
June 10	June 7-8

Respectfully submitted,

Cheslee Klinger  
Secretary