



St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council

**September 16, 2024, Pastoral Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes – Library – 5PM:**

**Attendees:** Fr. John, Fr. Jim, Deacon Zeich, Steve Sozanski, Eileen Hawe, Jean Kelly, Shanna Kelly, Mary Durham, Pedro Souza, Joanna Ryder, Barbara Midura.

**Absent:** Deacon Mike Hickey, Jack Curran, Terry Trombetta

**Opening Prayer:** Barbara Midura

**Approval of August 19, 2024, Minutes:**

Minutes approved with two corrections: Current school enrollment 241. Correct name of the parish appeal is Grand Annual Parish Appeal. The August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes have been revised to reflect the above corrections and will be posted on the parish website.

**Nomination Committee Update:**

Jean Kelly: Ballots were placed in the baskets at Mass last weekend and again next weekend. The ballots received thus far contained names and topics for consideration by the council. Coverage for next weekend Masses was confirmed.

Ballots are to be returned to the office by September 24<sup>th</sup> and checked to ensure those listed are registered members

of this parish. A letter will be sent on September 24<sup>th</sup> with one week to respond.

The information session will be October 7, 2024, 7PM in the Life Center and discernment will be October 21, 2024, 7PM in the Church.

The information session should focus on 'what brings you here tonight,' to attempt to eliminate individuals itemizing things they have accomplished.

### **Campus Updates:**

Flooring: New flooring completed in the Religious Education Center.

Pedro noted he will obtain a quote for the canopy area (Church main entrance) to be fixed; not replaced. As noted in the August meeting, there are several water stains. The leak in the rubber roof will be addressed before the stains are repainted.

Landscaping: Pedro noted there was additional landscaping work done, including woodchips.

Security: Pedro reported the newly installed camera has a two-week tape with current resolution and zoom capability. It includes the Gannon prayer area. It was discussed to have a sign placed stating 'Video Surveillance.'

Signage: Jean reported Mike, from Plymouth Sign, looked at the campus for various signage and will receive an estimate.

Fr. John noted there will be three estimates for the siding of the Parish Life Center (windows/trim), which are pending.

The air conditioner needs to be replaced in the Parish Life Center.

Sprinklers: Pedro noted they are 21-foot pipes, and a pipe recently burst. These pipes are the original from 1989. The sprinklers will be an ongoing expense.

Pedro noted the Church windowsills (eleven total) need to be repaired, which may mean the windows will have to be removed.

### **School Update:**

Joanna noted the school is open four weeks. Two hundred attended the 'Back to School Bash.' The school open house, after the 10:30AM Mass, Sunday of Labor Day weekend had twelve parishioners. Low number attributed to the holiday weekend.

The 'Back to School Night,' for parents, held September 12<sup>th</sup> went well.

As principal, Joanna's focus for the school is to 'realize the mission,' which is community, catholic education and academic excellence. To accomplish this, she has been working with the teachers and is now including parents.

## **Faith Formation:**

Shanna reported there was a family Mass with no formal formation class. After Mass the children gathered. The first Faith Formation Mass, with parishioners attending, will be Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

Various activities will be planned such as an All-Saints Day Party, with children dressing as saints.

Shanna discussed Altar Server training. It will be scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Initially, they will shadow an experienced server and formally start in January or February 2025. It was strongly recommended there be retraining for those who are already servers.

Bible study will be starting.

CPR classes to be scheduled in October by Barbara Midura.

## **Pastor's Concerns:**

PPC Goals: this topic will be postponed. It was suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to discuss this topic.

There is a large quantity of Palms in the basement. Palms can only be burned or buried. Pedro noted he will take them home, over time, and burn.

Advent Activities: this topic will be postponed.

In addition, Fr. John reported the current amount for the Grand Annual Parish Appeal is at \$95,000. Council members felt it is important for Fr. John to remind the parishioners what the current expenses are and where the money goes. He has already sent a letter, with the initial announcement but will make an announcement at each Mass the weekend of September 21/22. Fr. John noted, with the addition of several positions filled, he feels the St. Pius X staff are very good, 'everyone cooperates, and things run smooth.' All agreed.

**Councilor Concerns:** As noted above.

In addition, as All Souls Day approaches, Barbara reminded the council of a topic Deacon Mike Hickey mentioned some time ago regarding a Mass designated to all those who have been buried from St. Pius X in the past year. Last year it was the noon Mass on a Sunday, followed by coffee. During the Mass, the deceased names were noted, and a family member was given a votive candle to keep, with the name of the deceased on it. Mike oversaw that. Since he has the information, in his absence tonight, it will be discussed with him later.

## **Next Meeting Date:**

The October 7<sup>th</sup> Information session, and October 21<sup>st</sup> Discernment, will take the place of a formal PPC meeting in October.

Our next PPC meeting, which will include our three new members, will be **Monday, November 18, 2024, 7:35PM in the library.**

Opening prayer for November 18: Eileen Hawe

Closing prayer for tonight's meeting: Deacon Dick Zeich.

Meeting concluded: 6:15 PM