



## **St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 2024**

**Attendees:** Fr. John Kelleher, Fr. Jim Mattaliano, Dick Zeich, Jean Kelly, Barbara Midura, John Barry, Shanna Kelly, Bernadette Keane, Mary Durham, Jim Clayton, Jack Curran, Eileen Hawe, Joanna Ryder, Pedro Souza

**Absent:** Mike Hickey

**Opening Prayer:** Eileen Hawe

**September 16, 2024, meeting minutes** approved. Eileen will forward to Christine, in parish office.

### **Campus Update:**

**Signage:** Jean Kelly reported she spoke with Plymouth Sign company. She provided the various suggestions offered and price. It was noted any amount over \$10,000 will need three bids, per diocesan policy. The information will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

**Landscaping:** Fr. John spoke about the parking related to Clara & Barbara St. There have been complaints from neighboring homeowners. Parking reminders will be announced at all weekend Masses and a notice will be

placed in the weekly bulletin. Dick Zeich and Pedro will investigate signage for this area.

Pedro also addressed issues of trash being dumped, which is illegal. The area was cleaned, per the town, after inspection. The trail camera will be moved to capture any dumping in this area.

**Security:** Mary Durham noted an incident regarding an individual wearing a full devil mask in church, with erratic speech. She spoke with the individual and it was resolved. Going forward, the code word, 'pizza,' will be used to alert greeters/ushers that assistance is needed and possible police involvement. This will be conveyed to Steve Sozanski to introduce to the greeters/ushers.

Eileen mentioned a parishioner spoke to her about the media attention given to fires being started in places of worship. Fr. John noted this topic had been discussed with the YPD. YPD did provide suggestions. We continue with one church entrance. The parking lot remains under camera surveillance. It was noted we are usually aware of our own parishioners. A discussion ensued regarding possible use of walkie/talkies and a security detail (not ushers), and a motion sensory camera installed in the narthex area

above the sanctuary entrance door, **facing the front door.** Pedro noted we have the capacity for eight cameras and there is a three-week camera feed. This will be discussed further.

## **PPC Modification to Election Process:**

Fr. John, Fr. Jim, Jack Curran, and John Barry will reassess this process.

**School Update:** Joanna noted the fund raiser starts November 21, with a goal of \$60,000.

**Grandparents Day** is Tuesday, November 26. Seventy grandparents have responded to addend the 9:30AM children's Mass.

**Volunteers for the Christmas Fair** are needed.

The first rehearsal for **The Lion King** will be held in January 2025, with the performance scheduled for March 2025.

The fall, **school open house** had twelve families attending. The next open house is scheduled for January 26, 2025, after the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses.

Joanna discussed having an '**advisory board**' with PPC representation. Barbara Midura expressed interest and will join.

**PPC Goals:** A sub-committee will be formed to revise the PPC Bylaws. Members will be Jean Kelly, Bernadette Keane, and Jim Clayton.

**Annual Parish Assembly:** Nothing to report on this title. It apparently had been used in the distant past.

**Pastors Concerns:** Fund raiser suggestions were noted, i.e. RMD's related to retirement accounts. Contributions, such as these, would be related to estate planning.

Fr. John reported that there is a \$260,000 deficit (\$130,000/year over the past two years). Jim Clayton (also a member of the finance committee) stated it is attributed to the necessity for capital improvement.

**Councilor Concerns:** Mary Durham suggested that councilor/parish-related concerns, in keeping with the goals of the council, might be at the top of the agenda so we have time to adequately discuss, with campus updates put further down on the agenda.

Mary also mentioned, going forward, no specific names will be identified in the meeting minutes, related to sensitive topics. All agreed.

**Volunteer Appreciation** event was tabled for a future meeting.

Shanna Kelly reported she was asked by an adult parishioner if we could have **adult altar servers**. This is open to further discussion.

**Next meeting:** January 6, 2025, at 7:35PM in the library.

**Opening Prayer Leader** for the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Jean Kelly.

The meeting concluded at 8:40PM with a closing prayer by Fr. Jim.

## Re: PPC November Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

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From: John Kelleher (frjkelleher@diocese-fr.org)

To: irisheileenh@aol.com

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 at 10:12 PM EST

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Thanks Eileen,

I'll get to it when I can. See you soon!

Fr. John

On Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 3:00 PM Eileen Hawe <[irisheileenh@aol.com](mailto:irisheileenh@aol.com)> wrote:

Hi Fr. John.

Attached below are the minutes from the November PPC meeting.

It is a draft only.

I welcome your feedback.

Thank you.

Eileen