

St. Pius X Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes
January 8, 2018

St. Pius X Parish Council met on January 8, 2018, at 6 p.m.

Members present: Dennis Zoglmann, Larry Murphy, Jason Potts, Jill Campbell, Linda Dixon, Larry Freels, Carolyn McCarty, Eddie Stallings, Lucas Zoglmann, and Fr. Tom Buckman.

Members absent: Suzanne Lee

Guests attending: Matt Knight, Alicia Wells, Amy Silvert, John McCarty, and Michelle Roberts.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The November 6, 2017, minutes were approved.

Alicia Wells of the St. Pius X Ministry Development Committee came to the Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue of after-Mass congestion in the vestibule. After each Mass, there are representatives of various groups distributing information, talking to potential new members, or selling tickets in the vestibule. The Parish Council had lots of good discussion about this issue. We want these groups to be able to utilize the vestibule for these purposes, but we also recognize the need to keep a pathway open for those who simply want to leave Mass through the vestibule. The seemingly most viable potential solution that came from the discussion was to set up tables in front of the mural on the east wall of the vestibule, as was done when Owensboro Catholic Schools scrip was sold after each Mass. Alicia plans to take the results of the discussion back to the Ministry Development Committee.

Michelle Roberts attended a meeting of Diocesan parish business managers. The Diocese has suggested that all meeting minutes be signed by the chairperson of the group having the meeting plus (where applicable) the pastor.

REPORTS

Families in Faith: Sr. Suzanne was unable to attend, so Matt Knight led a discussion about Families in Faith's recent and upcoming activities. The confirmation team has met three times. The 21 eighth-grade youth will formally declare their candidacy at the February 4, 2018, Mass. First Reconciliation was celebrated on December 4, 2017. First Eucharist parent meetings will begin on February 6, 2018; in preparation for the May 6, 2018, First Eucharist celebration.

OCS Education Report: Amy updated the Parish Council on recent happenings at Owensboro Catholic Schools (OCS). Gerald Schoen resigned as the Director of OCS. A search for his replacement will begin soon. In the interim, Fr. Ed Bradley is serving as Director. The search for a new Business Director is also ongoing.

Financial Report: John McCarty reported the summary of income, expenses, and assets as of November 2017. The parish had a net loss in November; however, he noted that several large contributions were received in December, which should help keep year to date numbers on track. He also reported that the Finance Committee will soon begin looking at the financial aspects of the plans being developed by the Long-Term Planning Initiative 1 Committee.

Business Manager Report: Michelle Roberts provided numerous updates to the Parish Council. The proceeds from the insurance claim on hail damage to parish facilities have been received. The parish staff is currently

reviewing how to apply those proceeds to repairs. The painting of the parish hall was completed in early January. Numerous enhancements are being made to the security of parish facilities. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department has completed a walkthrough of the parish and provided recommendations for improvements.

Youth Report: Lucas Zoglmann provided the youth report. The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, IN, in November 2017 was a huge success. Many St. Pius X youth were enriched by the experience. All spring semester events have been planned, including Winter Jam (February 15, 2018) and Youth 2000 (March 9-11, 2018). Many "shareholders" invested in Mission Missouri (the planned summer mission) during Masses the weekend of January 6-7, 2018.

Koinonia: Preparations continue for Koinonia, which will be held January 26-28, 2018. Six people have already committed. The Koinonia committee is hoping to have closer to the limit of 30 people.

OCS Open House: On January 30, 2018, at 6:00 PM, St. Pius X will host an open house to expose families with school age children not currently in OCS to the school system. It will promote OCS and its affordability. Some OCS representatives will be at this event.

2018 Picnic Committee Nominations: Only one nomination has been received so far. The picnic committee hopes to receive more.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mass Attendance Bulletin Reporting: A question had been raised about whether weekly Mass attendance numbers could be included in the bulletin. The Council agreed that they could. Michelle is verifying that they can; and if so, will begin including them each week.

Mardi Gras Event: Numerous changes have been made to this event for 2018.

PASTOR REPORT

Name Tag Sunday: The Council discussed the Name Tag Sunday that was held at all of a recent weekend's Masses. The feedback was positive. It gave parishioners a chance to get to know someone new.

Long Range Plan Quarterly Review Meeting: This meeting will be held on January 29, 2018, at 6:00 PM.

Parish OCS Subsidies: Meetings will be held in February 2018 with St. Pius X parents who have students in OCS.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: February 5, 2018, at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by: Jason Potts, Secretary