

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
Parish Council Minutes  
March 6, 2017

St. Pius X Parish Council met on March 6, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Members present: Nick Howard, Dennis Zoglmann, Jason Potts, Jill Campbell, Linda Dixon, Larry Freels, and Fr. Tom Buckman.

Members absent: Maria Hoesli, Suzanne Lee, and Charlie Moore.

Guests attending: Chris Kinder, John McCarty, Rob Nash, Sister Suzanne Sims, and Michelle Roberts.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Sister Suzanne.

Chris Kinder and Rob Nash of Boy Scout Troop 120 discussed upcoming activities of the troop. The Cub Scouts plan to install a 10'x20' storage building on the church grounds to consolidate their equipment that is currently stored in various locations. On Earth Day (April 22), the troop plans to clean trash from 10 miles of roads.

The February 6, 2017, minutes were approved.

#### **REPORTS**

**Families in Faith:** Sister Suzanne updated the Parish Council on Families in Faith. She has been investigating English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for St. Pius X's Burmese members. These classes would allow these members to participate more fully in faith formation classes. Sister Suzanne also reported that some refugees living in Daviess County have begun having weekly "Community Conversation" gatherings. In these gatherings, they discuss local resources available, experiences they've had as part of adjusting to their new home, and other things that, while seemingly-mundane, serve to foster a sense of community. Sister Suzanne asked the parish council to consider whether St. Pius X should begin hosting similar gatherings for its Burmese refugee members. Since Christmas, attendance at Families in Faith classes has been down 40%-50% compared to levels in the fall of 2016. Fr. Tom noted that this pattern is similar to that experienced each year at this time, both at St. Pius X and at other parishes.

**OCS Education Report:** No report was provided.

**Financial Report:** John McCarty reported the summary of income, expenses, and assets as of January 2017 as reviewed by the Finance Committee. January, while down slightly from December, was still a good financial month for the parish. The recent Mardi Gras fund raiser is expected to net around \$15,000 for the parish. As part of the upcoming budget process, the Finance Committee is going to start considering designating some of the parish's savings as contingency ("rainy day") funds.

**Business Manager Report:** Michelle Roberts reported on the status of the pictorial directory process. The process of taking pictures went well. In conjunction with the directory publisher, parish staff is currently designing the layout of the book. The parish's gaming license has been approved for another year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Picnic Updates:** The zero-turn mower that will be given away at the picnic has been purchased. The parish is currently printing raffle tickets for it, and will begin selling them after they're printed. The picnic committee has decided to move the dinner stands into the parish hall. The committee continues to look for new ways to advertise the picnic.

**Ten Commandments Sign for the Parish:** The Knights of Columbus Council 817 is continuing to work on designing the Ten Commandments sign that will be donated to the parish. This sign will be displayed prominently outdoors at the church. They hope to finalize its design in the next month.

**Bishop John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award:** The parish council discussed a potential nominee for this award. It is an annual award, established by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro in 2013 to recognize individuals or groups in the diocese who abundantly show the virtue of charity in their work and deeds.

### **PASTOR REPORT**

**Long Range Plan:** Initiative committees are still progressing toward their action goals, and are all on schedule.

**OCS Parent Meetings:** Fr. Tom has begun the annual process of meeting with members of St. Pius X who have children in Owensboro Catholic Schools. These meetings help ensure that these families and children are actively involved in the parish, and provide an opportunity for a dialogue about the work being done in the Catholic Schools. When the process is complete, he will have met with about 40 families with about 70 children. These meetings will be complete by the end of March.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

**Next meeting:** April 10, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by: Jason Potts, Secretary