

St. Pius X Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes
May 30, 2017

St. Pius X Parish Council met on May 30, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Members present: Nick Howard, Dennis Zoglmann, Jason Potts, Jill Campbell, Linda Dixon, Maria Hoesli, Suzanne Lee, and Fr. Tom Buckman.

Members absent: Larry Freels and Charlie Moore.

Guests attending: John McCarty, Michelle Roberts, Sr. Suzanne Sims.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The April 10, 2017, minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Families in Faith: Sr. Suzanne updated the Parish Council on the New Evangelization Summit. The goal of this event is to reach out to people who have left the Catholic church. St. Pius X parish hosted a live video feed of this Summit on the weekend of May 12-13 at the Logsdon Center. 40 parishioners and 12 non-parishioners (primarily members of other parishes) attended. Sr. Suzanne reported that the Summit included numerous useful sessions, and that overall, it was an energizing experience. She is working to incorporate information obtained there into the parish's Families in Faith curriculum. A followup session will be held on May 31, 2017, to determine the next steps the parish will take to maintain the momentum started by the summit.

OCS Education Report: Jason Potts summarized the report provided by Amy Silvert. OCS staff and Council members have discussed ways to minimize significant changes in financial aid awards from last year to the upcoming year. Due to OCS' previous provider, PSAS, being purchased by FACTS, the financial aid process and calculations were new this year. Families were encouraged to contact the OCS Central Office to appeal their award, if necessary.

Currently, 473 students have received financial aid awards totaling \$689,752.

Current OCS enrollment numbers for next year are 1,193 completed registrations, with another 81 registrations missing materials. Overall, this is down from last year, with about 20 fewer Kindergartners enrolled for the coming year. Birth rates for 2011 reflect a decrease in kindergarten-aged children for 2017-2018. Enrollment of St. Pius X Parish students (71) is about the same as in the 2016-2017 year.

Budgets will be updated to reflect the change in expected enrollment, retiring teacher and new teacher changes, etc.

Financial Report: John McCarty reported the summary of income, expenses, and assets as of April 30, 2017 as reviewed by the Finance Committee. April was a good financial month for the Parish as it included revenue from the Easter Cook, as well as some revenue from early submissions of sold Picnic tickets. Daycare has begun seeing revenue results from its recent improvements to its process of keeping accounts from becoming past-due.

John also presented a summary of the July 2017-June 2018 budget and discussed any significant

changes from the July 2016-June 2017 budget. After discussion and questions, the Parish Council unanimously recommended that Fr. Tom accept the budget as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Ten Commandments Sign for the Parish: Nick Howard presented the Ten Commandments sign that has been donated to the parish by Knights of Columbus Council No. 817. A frame is being built for the sign by the Building and Grounds Committee. Once the frame is complete, this sign will be displayed prominently outdoors in the front of the church.

Picnic Updates: Preparations for the June 10, 2017, Picnic are progressing. Orders of critical supplies and materials have been placed. Numerous advertisements are running, with the goal of having a good crowd at the picnic. A substantial number of raffle tickets have been sold and been turned in already. More volunteers are needed to work at the Picnic. Specifically, three to four more are needed in each of the inflatables, snow cones, cotton candy, and bottle ring toss booths.

PASTOR REPORT

Synod 2018 on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment: The Parish Council had an excellent discussion on the preparations for the 2018 Synod of Bishops. In preparation for it, Bishop Medley has already held several "listening sessions" at the Newman Centers of Western Kentucky University and Murray State University. He plans to hold more of them. Additionally, there will be a general session (to which everyone is invited) at Lourdes Parish on August 16, 2017, at 6:30 pm. Fr. Tom led a discussion among the Parish Council of some of the questions the Bishops will be exploring. Bishop Medley will summarize the input he receives from all sources and send it to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: July 10, 2017, at 6:00 pm.
Submitted by: Jason Potts, Secretary