

St. Pius X Catholic Church
Parish Council Minutes
September 11, 2017

St. Pius X Parish Council met on September 11, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Members present: Nick Howard, Jason Potts, Linda Dixon, Larry Freels, Maria Hoesli, Suzanne Lee, Charlie Moore, and Fr. Tom Buckman.

Members absent: Dennis Zoglmann and Jill Campbell.

Guests attending: Matt Knight, John McCarty, Michelle Roberts, and Lucas Zoglmann..

The meeting opened with prayer.

The July 10, 2017, minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Families in Faith: Sr. Suzanne was unable to attend, so Fr. Tom led a discussion about Families in Faith. Sr. Suzanne is working on revisions to the parish's Safe Environment training program and hopes to complete them soon. At Fr. Tom's request, the Parish Council provided feedback on the first two weekends of the current trimester's Families in Faith sessions. Sr. Suzanne has implemented a number of changes. There is still some learning yet to be done by participants to get comfortable with the new format, but overall, the Parish Council thought the changes were positive. It remains a challenge to integrate the parish's Burmese members into all parts of the Families in Faith program, but that work continues, as well.

OCS Education Report: Nick Howard updated the Parish Council on recent happenings at Owensboro Catholic Schools (OCS). OCS welcomed a new Director of Business Affairs, Lisa Bell, over the summer. First day of school enrollment was 1,282 students in grades K-8, which is down slightly from the previous year's number.

Financial Report: John McCarty reported the summary of income, expenses, and assets as of July 2017 as reviewed by the Finance Committee. July was a good financial month for both the parish and the daycare. As July is the first month of the parish's fiscal year, it's reassuring to kick off the year with a good month. Beginning in July, the diocese asked all parishes – including St. Pius X – to implement some accounting changes that result in a higher diocesan assessment calculation. Finally, John is looking into adding a stewardship report that would report, among other metrics, the number of volunteer hours served at the parish.

Business Manager Report: Michelle Roberts provided numerous updates to the Parish Council. Michelle is continuing to negotiate with Internet providers for the parish office Internet contract. The diocese's annual Disciples Response Fund appeal kicked off September 9-10, 2017. Each home should be receiving information from the diocese soon. So far, 166 people have signed up for the volunteer appreciation meal to be held later in September. Finally, a new parish website (stpiustenthparish.org) is now available. Work on improving it continues.

Youth Report: Matt Knight and Lucas Zoglmann provided the youth report. This is the first month of official youth representation on the Parish Council. Matt intends to eventually have two

representatives – a junior and senior – on the Council. The Council had a discussion about how to raise funds for special youth events, like the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

OLD BUSINESS

Parish 60th Anniversary Feast Day (August 19): The Parish Council discussed feedback from this event. It was a great celebration, even though it was noted that attendance was lower than expected.

PASTOR REPORT

Parish Council Election: Fr. Tom thanked the outgoing members of the Parish Council: Nick Howard, Maria Hoesli, and Charlie Moore. A drawing was held from among the nominees who accepted their nominations. Elected are: Larry Murphy, Eddie Stallings, Carolyn McCarty. Officers will be elected at the November 6, 2017 meeting. As detailed in the Youth Report section, the Parish Council now has youth representation. Fr. Tom would like to add a Burmese representative, as well.

Parish Council Formation: Fr. Tom is researching a speaker to come to the parish and speak to the Parish Council to aid in our formation in our role of parish leaders.

Parish Hall Renaming: Fr. Tom proposed renaming the Parish Hall the “Father Wilson Hall” to honor Fr. Robert Wilson, the first priest who served at St. Pius X. It was noted that, to honor Bishop Cotton, the first bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, the school at the parish was renamed “Bishop Cotton Elementary” after St. Pius X Elementary was consolidated with the other Owensboro Catholic elementary schools in 1989. It is possible that some parishioners might prefer to name the Parish Hall the “Bishop Cotton Hall.” So for now, this proposal is tabled. Input will be sought from parishioners in early 2018.

Second Class of Deacons Ordination: A large class of deacons will be ordained on Saturday, September 16, 2017; and are expected to serve in their home parishes.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: November 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by: Jason Potts, Secretary