

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 2023

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Bridget Eichhold, Alan Gerken, Karen Kovacs, Brian Linnemann, Brian Schmutte, Kris Schoettmer

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Essen, Greg Hardig, Nick Roos

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. David Tran, Fr. Tom Mannebach

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Berning, Donna Frazee, Angie Heisel

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Brian Schmutte

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brian Schmutte

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:**

Brian Schmutte made a motion to approve the June 2023 PC meeting minutes. He was seconded by Kris Schoettmer.

Brian Linnemann made a motion to approve the August 2023 PC meeting minutes. He was seconded by Lisa Alt.

Motions passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL UPDATE:**

Principal Angie Heisel reported on the opening of the 2023-24 school year:

**1) EdChoice Expansion Scholarship:** As of today, there are only 60 students who have not turned in an application to the school office. The first round of checks should be arriving at the end of the month. Families can only receive up to the amount charged in tuition. This means that, because of the multi-child discount, the parish won't be recouping the full amount of tuition for families with multiple students in the school.

There are no plans to raise tuition at this time. However, the school's costs to process all of the new applications and administer the expanded program going forward will be substantial. Discussions are underway to discern avenues for recouping those administrative costs.

**2) Meet the Teacher Night:** Meet the Teacher Night returned to an in-person format for the first time since the Covid epidemic. The event was well-attended, and parents provided helpful feedback.

**FINANCE UPDATE:**

**1) Financial Report:** No report this evening.

**2) Sunday Collections:** Finance Council (FC) is working on a trending analysis of Sunday Collections. Rick Berning indicated that the number has been hovering around \$1.5 million for the last 5 years or so. The question was raised about what the impact might be of having only 1 basket at the back of church vs passing baskets in the pews at the Offertory. It is hard to measure that impact, as low attendance is a greater factor. Sunday Mass attendance is still below pre-Covid levels. Also, most people now utilize online giving.

- 3) **IggyFest 2023 Preliminary Numbers:** The Festival Committee is still awaiting a few receipts, so not all expenses are in yet. Preliminary Estimated Gross: \$354,000. Preliminary Estimated Net: low-\$180,000's. For comparison, IggyFest 2022 grossed \$386,000 and netted \$212,000. Full Festival report is anticipated for the October PC meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Vatican Document Discussion:** In an effort to understand the direction of the Church, and moving forward with the Beacons of Light process (BOC), PC members were asked to read and understand the focus of the document, "The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church," published by the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy. The document was briefly discussed this evening. It was agreed that the document has several potential elements that could be used as the basis for a revamping of the parish's mission statement.
- 2) **Identifying Leadership of Ministries and Commissions:** PC drew up a list of leaders for the various parish ministries and the commissions that support them. Brian Schmutte will begin reaching out to invite these people to send representatives to PC meetings. Representatives' role would be to attend PC meetings and provide input on their ministry's needs/work.
- 3) **PC Headshots/Contact Info:** The new at-large PC members are asked to send to Jeanne Clifton ([jclifton@sainti.org](mailto:jclifton@sainti.org)) a head shot and the contact info they wish to be made available to the parish.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **PC Meeting Dates 2023-24:** Meetings will take place in the School Library, at 7:00 pm.

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
October 11	January 9
November 7	February 6
December 5	March 5
	April 9
	May 7
	June 11

- 2) **Deanery Convocation Meeting for Pastoral Councils:** The Center for Parish Vitality is hosting a series of Deanery Convocations for parish pastoral council members, focused on BOC. Staff of the Pastoral Center will speak to the role of the pastoral council in parish life, specifically in pastoral planning. Our Deanery meeting is scheduled for October 23 at St. James the Greater. Fr. Mannebach and Brian Schmutte are encouraging all PC members to attend.
- 3) **Parish/School Engagement—Set as an agenda item for October:** PC plans to resume its focus on parish/school engagement. Discussion continues on fostering ways to pull school families into the wider life of the parish—liturgically, financially, and in service/volunteer/social opportunities.

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS:**

- 1) **BOC Planning Team Update:** The parish's BOC Pastoral Planning Team continues meeting with Fr. Mannebach to evaluate how the parish is moving through the tasks outlined in the multi-year BOC process.
- 2) **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** OCIA classes have begun, with at least 13 people discerning entrance into the Catholic Church. Sponsors and supporters are still being sought.
- 3) **Director of Finance and Administration:** Progress continues towards filling this position.
- 4) **Visio Days:** Visio Days are pastoral staff retreat opportunities for long-term planning ("visioning"). St. Ignatius parish staff will attend a Visio Day on September 29, in Dayton.
- 5) **IGGY 5K 2023:** The parish's annual 5K run is set for October 14. This is a family-friendly event with activities for all age groups.
- 6) **Stewardship Sunday 2023:** Stewardship Sunday occurs on the weekend of September 23/24. A member of FC will provide a brief "State of the Parish" report after each of the Masses that weekend.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Alan Gerken

**NEXT MEETING:** October 11, 2023, at 7 PM, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee  
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary