

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 2023

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Greg Hardig, Karen Kovacs, Brian Linnemann, Nick Roos, Brian Schmutte, Kris Schoettmer

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mikey Disbennett

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Frazee, Rick Fulks

CALL TO ORDER: President Brian Schmutte

OPENING PRAYER: Lisa Alt

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

Brian Linnemann made a motion to approve the September 2023 PC meeting minutes. He was seconded by Lori Bernard. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE UPDATE:

- 1) **Financial Report:** First quarter results for the new fiscal year are not in yet. Finance Council (FC) is planning to meet next week.
- 2) **Sunday Collections:** The first two months of Sunday Collections for this fiscal year are down \$18,000 (\$9000/month). Trending this out to the end of the year would be a \$100,000 deficit.
- 3) **Stewardship Sunday/State of the Parish Report 2023:** A member of FC provided a brief “State of the Parish” report after each of the Masses on the weekend of September 23/24. Additionally, a pie chart report was published in the September 24 bulletin and linked in the September 23 Flocknotes email blast. A household mailing was not generated this year, due to printing/postal costs. Discussion this evening raised the point that the pie chart report format might not do enough to highlight the extent of the deficit the parish is facing. It was also suggested that a link to the report be made available for successive weeks in the Wildcat Wire, to increase visibility.
- 4) **IggyFest 2023 Numbers:** Gross: \$361,139. Net: \$181,519. Inclement weather on Friday night definitely impacted that evening’s profits. For comparison, IggyFest 2022 grossed \$386,000 and netted \$212,000.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

Fr. Mannebach reported.

- 1) **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship:** Approximately \$600,000 came in the September payment. 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. Discussions continue to discern avenues for maximizing our return potential on awards.

The school's costs to process all of the new applications and administer the expanded program are substantial, and additional staff may need to be hired. It was suggested that the school might reach out to area high school principals for advice and knowledge-gathering. The question was raised as to whether the school is considering adopting the FACTS Management System to streamline the entire tuition system.

ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (A/A) UPDATE:

Fr. Mannebach reported that he had a meeting with A/A current President Julie Hendrickson and past President Bill Rizzo on the role of athletics and the role of parents in the life of the parish, and in particular, ways to foster spirituality and the Catholic faith within each sport.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Parish/School Engagement:

a) **Discussion:** Discussion continued this evening on fostering ways to involve school families into the wider life of the parish—liturgically, financially, and in service/volunteer/social opportunities. Issues include:

1. Stewardship regarding the parish's tuition subsidy and the school's deficit
2. Expectations/Standards for receiving the parish tuition subsidy
3. Catholic School Identity vs. Private School Identity
4. Means to Accompany families on their road to involvement

b) **Engagement Committee:**

Discussion about revitalizing the Engagement Committee will continue at the November meeting. Brian Schmutte will send copies of the 2 documents referenced this evening: the "Covenantal Agreement" (2022), and the "PC Unity Project Draft" (2023).

All PC members are asked to review and come ready to discuss.

Brian will also reach out to Angie Heisel for input on revitalizing a Parish-School Engagement Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Revitalizing Building and Grounds Committee: Scott Campbell, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, has reached out about revitalizing the former "Buildings and Grounds Committee," which has not met since the Covid shutdown. Fr. Mannebach suggested that Mr. Campbell put together a committee proposal, including functions, scope, and suggestions for possible members. Brian Schmutte will invite Mr. Campbell to the November PC meeting.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS:

1) Visio Days: Visio Days are pastoral staff retreat opportunities for visioning. Fr. Mannebach and Kim Abele, Elaine Kroger, Brad Macke, and Kate Rewwer attended the September 27 retreat held at the University of Dayton. The retreat gave them tools for crafting a parish vision statement. The team will work on drafting this and will present to PC at a future point in time.

2) Pastor Meetings with Archbishop Schnurr: On September 28, the Archbishop held another seminar for pastors on the intersections of canon and civil law that occur in the merging and

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subsuming of parishes. Archbishop Schnurr also discussed the role of the parish Pastoral Council in support of the pastor's decision-making capacity. Various Church and diocesan documents (Code of Canon Law, Vatican II and post-Consiliar documents, "Sixth Synod of Cincinnati", etc.) have all identified Council's role as consultive, rather than deliberative. The Pastoral Council provides recommendations, evaluations or advice that the pastor needs to aid him in making decisions.

- 3) Beacons of Light (BOC) Pastoral Pathway Team Meeting:** The parish's BOC Pastoral Pathway Team continues meeting monthly with Fr. Mannebach to evaluate how the parish is moving through the tasks outlined in the multi-year BOC process.
- 4) 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 register and attend.
- 5) Director of Finance and Administration Opening:** A strong candidate for this position has been identified. Talks are ongoing.

AGENDA BUILDING:

- 1) Parish/School Engagement Committee
- 2) Building and Grounds Committee

CLOSING PRAYER: Lori Bernard

NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2023, at 7 PM, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary