

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2023

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

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Roos, Kris Schoettmer

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Tom Mannebach

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Donna Frazee, Rick Fulks

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Brian Schmutte

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brian Schmutte

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

Greg Hardig made a motion to approve the October 2023 PC meeting minutes. He was seconded by Mike Essen. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE UPDATE:**

- 1) **Financial Report:** First quarter results for the new fiscal year are not completely tied down yet. Finance Council (FC) reported some general figures tonight:
  - a) We have a stable cash position.
  - b) The budget had planned for a \$100,000 loss per quarter. Expenses have been controlled well, and we are \$50,000 better than budget, at a \$50,000 loss so far.
  - c) Sunday Collections are down from budget by \$35,000.
  - d) Tuition is down from budget by \$700,000, but this is due to the implementation of the EdChoice Scholarship program, and we fully expect to recover those funds when the EdChoice payments come in.

**SCHOOL UPDATE:**

Fr. Mannebach reported.

- 1) **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship:** The process has been moving slowly, with about 25% of students approved so far. The school has no clear idea yet of how many families are receiving the full tuition amount. We are considering ways to help families who are ineligible to receive EdChoice (out-of-state residents and those on the state Peterson and Ohio Autism scholarships) in the event that tuition is raised for next year.
- 2) **Safety Grant for Non-Public Schools:** There is a \$100,000 grant available to non-public schools to be used for safety resources. The school sent its application in on November 2. We have received the grant in previous years, so it is unknown if that will impact the amount we are given for this year.
- 3) **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, DC:** Another successful 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to our nation's capital took place in October.

- 4) **St. Sigisbert Visit:** St. Ignatius has a sister school partnership with the Lycée Notre-Dame Saint-Sigisbert, in Nancy, France. Students and teachers from Saint-Sigisbert arrived in Cincinnati tonight for their school's yearly visit. St. Ignatius will send a delegation to Nancy in March.
- 5) **First Trimester/Enrollment 2024-24:** Parent Teacher Conferences will occur next week, and the first trimester ends on November 28. New Student Enrollment for the 2024-24 school year has begun.

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS:**

**1) Pastoral Staff Updates:**

- a) A verbal offer has been accepted for the new Director of Finance and Administration position. This individual will likely come on board in January 2024.
- b) Emily Branscum will be moving to a new position at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (AOC). Planning is in place to sustain youth ministry programming until the Youth Minister position can be filled.
- c) Kate Rewwer will be leaving her position as Health Minister in the Spring.
- d) The position of Assistant Director of Music recently opened, as Megan Mears has left to pursue other opportunities.

**2) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** We have a large number of people inquiring or in formation with RCIA this year. The Rite of Acceptance, for those wishing to formally move forward in the process of becoming Catholic, will take place in December.

**3) All Souls Day Mass:** The Mass on November 2 for the Feast of All Souls was well-attended and very moving.

**4) Penance Services:** In preparation for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, additional Penance services are being planned. The school children will have the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation in November.

**BUSINESS:**

**1) Update—Deanery Convocation Meeting for Pastoral Councils:** Brian Schmutte presented a summary of the meeting, which was a forum for understanding the role of parish pastoral councils to support the pastor in the areas of parish mission, parish vision, and parish pastoral planning.

**2) PC Reflection/Discussion Exercise:** Mr. Schmutte led PC in an exercise to reflect individually on the questions, "What does PC mean to you," and "How do you see yourself serving in this role?" Members engaged in a free discussion on various points raised.

**3) Discussion Takeaways:**

a) Since members had differing ideas, Fr. Mannebach was asked if he could point out good resources for PC members to research together so that everyone could achieve the same focus. Members were directed to this link at the AOC for reference:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/parish-vitality/leadership/pastoral-council>

b) Parish Vision Statement: Pastoral Staff is working on aspirational ideas to craft a vision statement. PC will be looped into this process at a later point in time.

**4) Thanksgiving Day Mass:** The Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place on November 23, at 9:15am. PC members are asked to sign up to serve in liturgical ministries (Greeters, Reader,

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EM's) and to help set up and serve the coffee/doughnuts reception immediately following Mass. Bridget Eichhold will be sending out a SignUp Genius link shortly.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Karen Kovacs

**NEXT MEETING:** December 5, 2023, at 7 PM, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee  
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary