

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2024

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

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Roos, Greg Hardig, Brian Schmutte

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Tom Mannebach

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Frazee, Rick Fulks, Angie Heisel

CALL TO ORDER: Brian Linnemann

OPENING PRAYER: Karen Kovacs

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

PC did not meet in December. Lori Bernard made a motion to approve the November 2023 PC meeting minutes. She was seconded by Lisa Alt. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE UPDATE:

Rick Fulks reported.

Financial Report: The second fiscal quarter is set to close at the end of January, and results will be available in February. Finance Council (FC) reported some general figures tonight for the 5 months ended December 31:

- 1) **Parish:** Net Income of \$140,000; better than budget by \$24,000.
 - a) Sunday Collections for October and November were strong, likely as a direct result of the Stewardship Sunday report given after all of the Masses in late September.
 - b) IggyFest 23 Net Income was \$50,000 better than budget.
- 2) **School:** Tuition payments continue to lag, as was anticipated, due to the implementation of the EdChoice Scholarship. Parents were instructed to not pay tuition until they knew what the amount of their EdChoice grant would be. EdChoice funds are beginning to arrive to the school in much greater numbers, and are projected to recoup by the end of January the deficit of the initial months of the school year.
- 3) **2024-25 School Budget:** FC will begin review of the 24-25 School Budget in February.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

Principal Heisel reported.

- 1) **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship:** 809 applications accepted + 79 still under review = 888 total EdChoice application from St. Ignatius School. Approximately another 130 are ineligible to apply, either because they live out of state, or they are currently receiving funds through the Ohio Autism/Jon Peterson Scholarships or the classic EdChoice program. A Saint Ignatius School grant/scholarship program is being fleshed out that could offer support to those ineligible families in the event that tuition is raised.
- 2) **Archdiocesan Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and State Tax Credits:** Contributions to the Archdiocesan SGO earmarked for St. Ignatius tripled from last year, but

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still only a fraction of parishioners is taking advantage of this state tax credit opportunity. Ohio extended the contribution deadline to April for credit on 2023 state taxes.

- 3) Second Trimester:** The school is almost midway through the second trimester, and progress reports will be sent out in a couple of weeks.
- 4) Enrollment 2024-25:** Re-enrollment of the student body has finished; outside enrollments are being accepted where there is space. Several grades are closed with waiting lists. A definition of current enrollment categories is on the school website.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS:

1) Parish Personnel Updates:

- a) Mary Dadosky has come on board as the parish's Director of Finance and Administration, with oversight of financial operations and human resources. She will be invited to the February PC meeting for introductions.
- b) Doug Donoghue has taken the position of Assistant Director of Music.
- c) The Youth Minister position is currently open.

2) Beacons of Light (BOL) Update:

- a) The Deanery Convocation Meetings for Pastoral Councils were so successful that general information sessions of a similar nature are being planned across the AOC for all parishioners to attend. Sites will again be grouped by deanery. St. Ignatius belongs to the St. James Deanery-SW, and its meeting will take place on February 7, from 7-8:30pm, at Elder High School.
- b) St. Ignatius continues to move through implementation of BOL parish staffing recommendations. In addition to the new Director of Finance/Administration, Fr. Mannebach envisions 4 other Director-level staff positions eventually reporting to him. These leadership positions are not clearly defined as of yet.

- 3) Christmas Masses:** Attendance was up from last year, particularly at the 3:00pm and 5:00pm Christmas Eve Masses.

CLOSING PRAYER: Mikey Disbennett

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2024, at 7 PM, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary