

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2024

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Karen Kovacs, Gina Leranath, Brian Linnemann, Greg Male

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Roos

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Tom Bolte

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Natalie Conner, Mary Dadosky, Donna Frazee, George Gillespie

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Lisa Alt

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

Greg Male made a motion to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes. He was seconded by Lori Bernard. Bridget Eichhold made a motion to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Greg Male. Motions passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Stewardship Sunday Report Planning:** Stewardship Sunday will take place on the weekend of September 28/29. Finance Council (FC) is currently working on the financial “State of the Parish” report. Members of FC will present a short summary at all of the weekend Masses, and they will also be at the back of church after each Mass to take questions. Discussion continued this evening on messaging of the report, particularly in regards to two issues: the capital reserves fund, and the impacts of the state EdChoice Scholarship program on the parish subsidy and on school tuition. The new pastor, Fr. Andrew Umberg (see item 1 of New Business), will also weigh in on messaging.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) New Pastor, Fr. Andrew Umberg:** On August 28, the parish was informed that Fr. Andrew Umberg would become the new pastor of St. Ignatius. He will join the parish for Masses beginning the weekend of October 12/13. Fr. Umberg is currently serving as the pastor of the Our Lady of Divine Providence Family of Parishes.
- 2) New Parish Pastoral Staff Introductions:** George Gillespie, the new Director of Evangelization, and Natalie Conner, the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry, were introduced to PC and spoke about their visions and programming initiatives for the upcoming year.
- 3) IggyFest 2024:** The parish festival was held August 23-25. Vendor bills are still coming in, so numbers have not been finalized, but preliminary results look very good and are better than last year’s numbers.
- 4) PC Contact Info:** PC members were asked to review the roster and confirm the email address they would like to provide to the parish for publication. Donna Frazee will submit

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the roster to the Parish Office. A separate, confidential, roster with cell phone numbers will be available in hardcopy for PC members at the next meeting.

- 5) **PC By-Laws:** Mike Essen reported that the PC By-Laws are under review and asked all members to email him with comments/suggestions for edits. All changes will be reviewed by Fr. Umberg, and a draft will be presented to PC for approval later in the service year.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- 1) **Parish Happenings:** Fall is a busy time in the parish. Last week, the team who went on the mission trip to our sister parish in Kenya spoke about their experiences. Catechetical Sunday will take place on September 14/15, and all religious educators in the parish will be honored at Mass. Mission Sunday occurs on the weekend of September 21/22, and an Adrian Dominican Associate will share the story of her congregation's missionary work and invite the parish to partner with the sisters through prayer and financial support. As reported above, Stewardship Sunday will take place on September 28/29. Finally, Respect Life Sunday will occur on October 5/6. The Respect Life team is looking into the possibility of setting up the white cross display (symbolizing babies killed by abortion) on the grass areas along North Bend Road.

CLOSING PRAYER: Bridget Eichhold

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively set for October 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library. Will be confirmed with Fr. Umberg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary