

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 3, 2024

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Mikey Disbennett, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen, Karen Hultquist, Karen Kovacs, Brian Linnemann

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alan Gerken, Gina Leranath, Greg Male, Nick Roos

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. David Tran, Fr. Andrew Umberg

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Donna Frazee

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-President Mike Essen

**OPENING PRAYER:** Mike Essen

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

Bridget Eichhold made a motion to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Brian Linnemann. Mike Essen made a motion to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes. He was seconded by Karen Hultquist. Motions passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) PC By-Laws Update and Discussion:** Mike Essen and Greg Male continue working on the By-Laws review. Since the Beacons of Light recommendations now have parish commissions and ministries reporting to one of the five Director-level staff positions, the current language in the By-Laws referencing a commissions report structure needs to be changed. Fr. Umberg asked PC for its input on which reports would be the most important to appear on PC's agenda and with what frequency. PC recommended the school (3 times per year) Finance Council (odd months), Athletics, and Love in Action. Fr. Umberg's preference is for the pastor, President and Vice-President to decide on a monthly basis which groups should go on the agenda, ideally with a 2-month advance notice to whichever groups are being asked to report.

Mike Essen will touch base with Mary Dadosky for an updated organizational chart, as well as a list of current commission heads, so that he can reach out to all of the group leaders to let them know that they are welcome to contact the PC President about getting on a specific month's agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Pastoral Council Elections:** Following on the By-Laws discussion, Mike Essen led PC in a review of the 2024 PC election process. Prior to 2024, elections had not been held for several cycles, and the By-Laws election structures are out of date. Several changes were suggested, and discussion on the process for 2025 will continue at future PC meetings. Fr. Umberg indicated that he is not in favor of an online voting option.

It was decided that the first Sunday in March would be good timing to coordinate a "PC Interest Mass/Reception" to kick off the next election and initiate interest in nominations.

- 2) Team/Club Masses:** A PC member was approached about whether team and club Masses would be returning to Sunday liturgies. Currently, team and club Masses occur at either the Saturday 9:15am or Monday 7:00pm liturgies. Fr. Umberg is receptive to the idea but wants to touch base with the other priests and look into recent practice and history before making a decision.

**PASTOR'S REMARKS:**

- 1) Sanctuary Renovation Project:** The project is nearly complete, with the new carpet installation occurring this week. Fr. Umberg is pleased with the results. There are no plans at the present time for further work.  
Future refurbishing ideas could center on embellishments of the alcoves behind the Mary and the Joseph statues, to better incorporate them in to the sanctuary space.
- 2) Evangelization and Community Building:** Fr. Umberg and pastoral staff were recently at an Evangelization Conference, brainstorming on how to: reach people about parish programming, connect the school families to the church, and provide a means for helping a congregation transform into a community after liturgical services. Discussion on future long-range planning brought up 3 facility needs that intersect with connection and community-building: a gathering space for the church, additional classroom space for the school, and additional onsite gym space.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Mike Essen

**NEXT MEETING:** January 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee  
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary