

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2025

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

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Gerken, Brian Linnemann, Nick Roos

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Andrew Umberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Dadosky, Donna Frazee, Angie Heisel, Mike Moyer, Jen Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Karen Hultquist

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

Karen Kovacs made a motion to approve the February 2025 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Lori Bernard. Motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Principal Heisel reported.

- 1) **School Budget and Enrollment 2025-26:** The 25-26 budget was approved by Finance Council (FC) in February. The budget anticipates an income of roughly \$154,000. Enrollment is projected to be at an historic high: 1179 (preschool-8th). The Preschool, which is self-sustaining, will see a 4% increase. Kindergarten-8th tuition will see a \$250 increase, putting it at \$5370, but the Loyola Active Parishioner Scholarship is also increasing, to \$1000, resulting in an out-of-pocket increase per child of \$50 for K-8. Even with the increase, St. Ignatius' tuition will still be competitively lower than neighboring schools. The Loyola Scholarship paperwork includes a questionnaire that addresses many of the "Active Parishioner" participation and faith-formation issues that PC has been discussing for several years.
- 2) **EdChoice Scholarship:** The State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship amounts for 25-26 have not been announced yet, and the numbers may vary from last year. We will not know what the grants will be until the state budget is passed in July.
- 3) **School Staffing:** Staffing for 25-26 looks to remain relatively stable.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mary Dadosky reported.

- 1) **New Staff Introductions:** Jen Smith and Mike Moyer were introduced to PC and talked about their backgrounds and new roles. Jen will take on the Sr. Business Manager role, and Mike will be focused primarily on the parish's auxiliary accounts. Rick Berning will begin transitioning his workload down as he prepares to retire.
- 2) **Parish Financials Summary (High-Level):** December's report has been buttoned up, and FC is now working on next year's budget. The 2024 actual results are better than budget in many areas, including Sunday Collections.

- 3) **Assistive Technology Devices:** The church has recently purchased 3 assistive technology devices for the hearing impaired, to be used during liturgies. Procedures for storage, use, and cleaning are currently being worked out.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Pastoral Council Election Process:** After the February meeting, Fr. Umberg and Mike Essen discussed the PC election process in more depth, and Fr. Umberg has decided to go ahead with elections this year. Mike and Gina Leranthe reworked the proposed process and timeline for conducting the elections. A draft document was passed out and reviewed this evening. Announcements of elections and a call for candidates will start March 23. Elections will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of May 17/18.
- 2) **PC Commissions Reporting Schedule:** Fr. Umberg and Mike Essen are consulting and continue to work out a reporting schedule for PC Commissions, Finance Council, St. I's School and other parish organizations. The Athletic Association will be invited to report at the April PC meeting.
- 3) **PC Term Opening:** With the untimely passing of PC member Gregory Male, Council has an opening on Term Year 2027. Fr. Umberg is consulting with PC members, the Director of Finance & Administration, and the Principal to name a replacement.

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

- 1) **Lenten Programming:** Each Thursday night in Lent, the parish will host "Super Thursdays," beginning with Mass at 5:30pm, a potluck soup dinner at 6:00pm (Signups have been publicized), and a talk on Sacred Scripture given by Fr. Umberg at 7:00pm. The first evening is March 6.
- 2) **Fish Fry:** The Fish Fry will also return on Friday evenings during Lent. Jen Smith is coordinating. She is actively seeking co-chairs to help split the workload and streamline processes.
- 3) **Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** A training /refresher session for new and current Eucharistic ministers will be held on April 18. Details to follow.
- 4) **"Donut Sunday":** The first "Donut Sunday" was held after all of the Masses on the weekend of March 1/2. Attendance was so high on Sunday morning that a second run to resupply the donuts was needed.
- 5) **Staff Organizational Chart:** The draft Organizational Chart presented last year is being reviewed and revised by Fr. Umberg. It will likely be finalized in the summer.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Umberg

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee
Pastoral Council Recording Secretary