

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 3, 2025**

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

**AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Hultquist, Gina Leranth, Nick Roos

**CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Andrew Umberg

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** John Bedel (incoming member), Mary Dadosky, Donna Frazee, Jen Smith, Dennis Wiwi (incoming member)

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Karen Kovacs

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

Mike Essen made a motion to approve the May 2025 meeting minutes. He was seconded by Alan Gerken. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE COUNCIL (FC) REPORT:**

Director of Finance Mary Dadosky and Senior Business Manager Jen Smith reported.

**1) 2025-26 Parish Budget:** Jen Smith presented the 2025-26 First Draft Parish Budget, which currently has a proposed deficit. This draft is subject to change, as staff and FC continue to explore ways to reduce expenses in order to get closer to a break-even budget. FC is meeting this Thursday.

**2) Physical Plant Repairs and Maintenance:**

**a) Completed Projects:**

- The sewer motors below the Walking Track stopped working, due to being clogged with pop bottle caps. The damage required immediate replacement of both motors. The parish also took out a service contract for yearly monitoring.
- Four HVAC units on the school roof that had been leaking at their chimneys were repaired and caulked.
- Leaking plumbing was fixed in the school's third-floor boys'/girls' restrooms.

**b) Upcoming Projects:**

- Follow-up work from last year's parking lot repaving will be completed over the summer.
- Staff and the Green Township Resource Officer conducted a safety review and identified safety enhancements.
- New tutoring rooms will be added in space next to the preschool.
- The short sets of steps on either side of the sanctuary will be extended to bring them in line with the center altar steps.

**3) Parish Office Staff Updates:** Business Manager Rick Berning has moved to part-time, working 2 days/week as he transitions to full retirement. Mike Moyer has left the Business

staff; a part-time bookkeeper may come on board if the work cannot be distributed out across other staff. Chris Denman has just been hired to fill the Coordinator of Parish Communications position. Beth Scholl has also just been hired to take over the Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation position.

- 4) **Fish Fry 2025:** This year's Fish Fry made over \$8000 in profit. Jen Smith is stepping down as coordinator, and volunteers are needed to form a coordinator committee for next year. The hope is to expand the event to include a drive-thru.
- 5) **IggyFest 2025:** Festival Main Award tickets have gone out, and the Kick-Off event took place this evening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Forming a Construction Project Planning Committee:** Fr. Umberg would like to move forward with the creation of a committee to explore a parish building expansion plan. He would like the committee to include representatives from the school, the Athletic Association, and major parish ministries. Major needs include: a Gathering Space, additional gym space, additional meeting rooms for church/school-related activities, and worship space improvements (church beautification). During April's Council meeting, PC had approved the recommendation that Fr. Umberg begin an exploratory process to investigate feasibility for a Building Plan and Capital Campaign. **Tonight, PC voted unanimously in the affirmative to recommend that Fr. Umberg create a Construction Project Planning Committee to aid in this effort.**
- 2) **Thank Yous and Welcomes:** Outgoing at-large members Lisa Alt, Lori Bernard, Karen Kovacs, and Nick Roos, as well as outgoing Recording Secretary Donna Frazee were thanked for their years of service to the parish. Incoming at-large members on Term Year 2028 were welcomed to Council.
- 3) **Pastoral Council Membership:**
  - **Terms ending in June 2026:** Mikey Disbennett, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen (President), and Alan Gerken.
  - **Terms ending in June 2027:** Judi Blank, Karen Hultquist, Gina Leraneth (Vice-President), and Brian Linnemann.
  - **Terms ending in June 2028:** John Bedel, Jim Macke, Greg Niehaus, and Dennis Wiwi.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Pastoral Council Elections:** Elections were held the weekend of May 17/18, for 4 spots on Term Year 2028 (see results above). There were over 300 ballots cast, up from around 200 in 2024. Gina Leraneth and Mike Essen are fine-tuning a procedural document for next year's election.
- 2) **Draft PC Committee Reporting Schedule:** Mike Essen presented the proposed PC Reporting Schedule for parish groups for next year:
  - August:** School
  - September:** Finance Council
  - October:** Festival
  - November:** School; Worship Commission
  - December:** Evangelization—Adult and Youth Faith Formation

**January:** Finance Council

**February:** School (Budget); Worship Commission

**March:** Athletic Association

**April:** Love in Action (Outreach)

**May:** School

**June:** Finance Council (Parish Budget)

- 3) Pastoral Council Recording Secretary:** PC is in need of a Recording Secretary for the 25-26 service year. A request for a volunteer has gone out across parish media.

**PASTOR'S REMARKS:**

- 1) Stewardship Director:** Beacons of Light recommends that a parish of our size should have a full-time Director of Stewardship. Fr. Umberg is hoping to hire for this position by Christmas.
- 2) Marriage Ministry:** Fr. Umberg is evaluating programming for a ministry to the newly married that would provide ongoing parish formation for young married couples.
- 3) Ushers/Mass Coordinators:** The parish continues to be in great need of Ushers and Mass Coordinators.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Lori Bernard

**NEXT MEETING:** Tentatively set for August 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Frazee

Pastoral Council Recording Secretary