

APPROVED MINUTES

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 7, 2025

AT-LARGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Bedel, Judi Blank, Bridget Eichhold, Mike Essen, Alan Gerken, Karen Hultquist, Gina Leranthe, Brian Linnemann, Jim Macke, Greg Niehaus, Dennis Wiwi

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mikey Disbennett

CLERGY IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Dadosky, Jen Smith, Fr. David Tran, Fr. Andrew Umberg

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Buchman

CALL TO ORDER: President Mike Essen

OPENING PRAYER: Greg Niehaus

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) MEETING MINUTES:

Greg Niehaus asked for clarification regarding possible sale of Ignatius Center building and effect on not enough meeting room space. Father Umberg re-affirmed that selling Ignatius Center would only make sense if funds from the sale would offset the cost of appropriate modular structures for meeting space on church side of North Bend Rd instead. Meeting room space would all be accounted for prior to selling of the Ignatius Center.

Gina Leranthe made a motion to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes. She was seconded by Karen Hultquist.

FESTIVAL REPORT:

Bob Buchman, Festival Chair, reported.

- 1) Although invoices are still coming in, a good result is anticipated for the 2025 Festival, should be very close to last year. All individuals have been paid but some vendors are late sending invoices despite repeated follow-up. Anticipate publishing festival financial results later this month or early November.
- 2) Beer sales were interestingly lower, but food sales were higher than previous year.
- 3) Straw market had a major change this year by using all digital bid/buy. This was a positive change with simpler, automatic charging for winners and attributed to Straw Market making more money this year.
- 4) Always looking at other ways to improve: layout, more ways to use credit cards, add advertisements, etc.
- 5) Rides – we do not get a high percentage of revenue, but visually important as festival attraction. This year ride ticketing was simplified resulting in shorter wait times and smoother operation.
- 6) Parking – total capacity is about 1,000 spaces. Discussed previously reported issues with illegal parking, inefficient parking, and issues with traffic flow.
 - a. Challenges getting police help (Green Twp, Hamilton Cnty, Delhi, etc) have better options for pay, fewer retired officers available, etc. We had 8 officers this year, our goal was 10. Also difficult to find volunteers who want to work parking lot.
 - b. Private security was considered but is cost-prohibitive and do not carry same interest level or authority to enforce rules, basically just a deterrent.
 - c. Plans are for additional signage to help for illegal parking (tow signs) and better handicap signage. Additional recruitment of possible volunteer groups to help manage the lots while keeping safety in mind. Will also investigate hiring a private tow company to be on-site as deterrent to illegal parking.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mary Dadosky and Jen Smith reported from Parish Office.

- 1) Review of final FY2025-2026 parish budget shows smaller planned deficit than years past.
- 2) Noted expenses were summer parking lot and other facilities improvements, additional sanctuary improvements, and new maintenance truck.
- 3) Plan to present financial report to parish in November with Stewardship Sunday (Stewardship Sunday was delayed from September per Fr. Umberg due to conflicting liturgical events)

New Business/Questions:

- 1) Open discussion regarding long-term facilities maintenance and planning funds (aka the “boiler fund”) for significant expenditures. Mary stated desire to better track planned maintenance costs for critical infrastructure (boiler, HVAC, roof, etc) to minimize impacts on future annual budgets.
- 2) Question about money given to church – Fr. Umberg stated that any donation given to St. Ignatius, a portion of it (10%) is sent to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- 3) Concern about recent parking availability at 4:30pm mass due to sporting events happening at same time. This is believed to be a unique one-time issue with special football event involving night games and not a recurring problem.

Fr. Andrew Umberg:

- 1) One of the Beacons of Light mandates is to have a Stewardship Director. Fr. Umberg is considering resource needs and whether separate position is necessary. For now, he will continue managing stewardship and plan the Stewardship Sunday.
- 2) Assembly of a construction planning committee continues. Initial discussions with field experts on a high-level ballpark cost are ongoing. Father will do additional research on past fundraising analysis done with AoC during Bishop Earl’s tenure for similar building project.
- 3) Christmas – large crib set has been purchased. Scott and Kevin are building a stable for the side of church. Father has planned additional décor for church for the season as well. Hoping Dec 7 Doughnut Sunday will be “crib unveiling”.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2025

Closing Prayer:

Dennis Wiwi

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Eichhold