

St. John XXIII Catholic Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
Be Christ Inspired, Joyfully Live Our Call
Tuesday November 26, 2024, Cafeteria, Starting at 5:30 PM

In Attendance: Marcia Nosko, Jason Sepanic, Father Pat, John Weinrich, Allyson Olivier, Barb Dickman, Dan Becker, Jim Haley, Bill Henkle, Sandra Pessaro

Excused: Christ Flint, John Tisdale, Cindy Witte, Dania Sereno

Opening Prayer - Eucharistic Revival Reflection – Jason Sepanic

Approval Minutes - October 2024 - Minutes approved with the amended changes submitted by Sandra by email.

Discuss Parish Annual Meeting

The presentations were well done.

Strategic Initiative

Discussion on the steps moving forward for the various committees and commissions on the items that were chosen to address in the parish. Marcia will provide scorecards for the committees and commissions to use. Marcia was thanked for the time she has put into the framework that will assist all of us in moving these items to successfully complete.

Commission/Committee Reports - *Additional information not covered in minutes*

Human Concerns – None

School Advisory – No November Meeting

Stewardship – No November Meeting

Welcoming – None

Communications – None

Formation – There is communication between CRE and School on having more activities that are combined. Lisa has many activities planned for middle and high school students. There is plans for a youth camp this summer thru the Archdiocese.

Evangelization – The upcoming years theme is Set Forth (Four Steps) More information to come on this.

Finance – none

Parish Leadership – none

Staff Report – Currently there is no lead kitchen person. Users of the kitchen are coming together in use of the kitchen.

Other General Business Not Covered

Sandra mentioned that the school is looking for a backup Bingo caller.

Next Meeting

December 26, 2024

Closing (Eucharistic Revival Prayer) – 6:10 pm

Council Terms:

Year 3 - Dania Sereno, Year 3 - John Tisdale, Year 3 - John Weinrich; Year 2 – Jim Haley, Year 2 - Marcia Nosko, Year 2- Sandra Pessaro, Year 1 - Barbara Dickmann, Year 1- Kellie Kretlow, Year 1 - Jason Sepanic, Year 1 – Cindy Witte (after initial 3-year term)

St. John XXIII Parish Finance Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6pm

Attendees: Bill Henkle, Chris Flint, Mike Weiland, Chuck Lanser, Patricia Vander Heiden

Absent: Dan Becker, Fr. Pat, Jerry Dickmann, Dave Didier, John Weinrich, Ethan Deutsch

1. Opening prayer - Eucharistic Revival December reflection.
2. Review of minutes from last meeting - Chris made motion to accept, Chuck 2nd.
3. Pastoral Council Report - November 26 meeting update - Bill
 - a. The majority of meeting focused on Strategic Plan initiative to get more youth involved. Chuck commented that a good strategy is to dovetail certain events with scheduled CRE classes/activities.
4. PLT Update – summary provided of December 3rd and 17th meetings - Mike
 - a. Fundraising
 - Bill put together a calendar of fundraisers for all to view as we strategize.
 - A “soft ask” for replacement IC organ has been run in the bulletin.
 - There will be some sort of fundraiser to help offset the IC steeple/roof repair prior to the start of that project in June 2025.
 - Management of the “Angel Mary” project will continue under the leadership of Ron Nett, with a formal fundraising campaign kicking off in January 2025.
 - b. The Parish bought a table for the Key Event. Anyone interested in a seat should contact Allyson.
 - c. The Parish is hosting an event to support DeSales Seminary upgrades on January 21st @ 6:30pm in the SP Church site narthex.
 - d. Allyson may fundraise beyond the Catholic Women’s and Men’s Societies to help cover the parish office refresh expenses that are now approaching \$20,000.
 - e. Maureen summarized activities championed by her and Marie Lippe concerning the improvement of Faith Formation programs for CRE and the school.
 - f. There will be a Parish mission starting at 6:30pm on February 18th followed by a Ministry Fair in which all SJ23 Councils, Commissions, and Committees are expected to participate.
5. G&G/LOA report – Bill provided summaries.
 - a. G&G loan balance = \$1,321,432
 - b. G&G MM = \$101, LOA MM = \$36,710, RBC Account = \$451,652
 - c. The above provides for 5.0 months mortgage payments
 - d. Received LOA disbursement (\$28,720) on 11/29/24.
 - e. Invested \$179,126 available in a T-Bond yielding 4.39%
6. September YTD Financial Review - presented by Bill - all reports reflect amended budget and both School and Parish now do not account either actual or budget YTD endowment draw which tended to obscure the financials. This will be brought back into view in April when endowment withdrawal decisions are made.
 - a. School
 - Total Revenue on target, and the Annual Fund is back on target for now. Beer garden fundraisers are being looked at due to the lack of net revenue. Bingo revenue is also back on target and trending higher given record participation in recent events.

- Expenses are favorable to budget by \$47.8k driven mainly by \$34.3K pandemic relief reimbursement for purchases made last year.
 - Net revenue YTD is favorable to budget by \$47.8k.
 - Nothing noteworthy on school balance sheet.
- b. Parish
- Total revenue has surplus of \$17.0k.
This is driven mainly by a \$13.9k parish contributions surplus of which 5.9K follows from stewardship.
 - Expenses are favorable \$10.9k YTD driven mainly by favorable S&S (\$3.6k) and B&G spending (\$6.6k) YTD.
 - Net revenue YTD is favorable to budget by \$27.9k.
 - No issues concerning the parish balance sheet.
- c. Restricted/Cemetery P&L and Balance Sheet
- SM restricted maintenance expenses totaling \$12k for vestibule painting were realized in November.
- d. Currency Snapshot and other financial data - Bill
- Unrestricted Cash - Parish (\$243,389) and School (\$158,899). Cashflow is good.
 - The combined parish & school restricted cash accounts total \$204,400.
 - The balances at RBC are as follows: LOA (\$451,652), SM Maintenance (\$209,958) and Parish/School reserve (\$498,020).
 - Endowments as of Sept. 30, 2024: Parish (\$1,072,523) and School (\$661,797).
 - G&G mortgage balance \$1,321,432.
 - Net Currency Assets = \$2,223,716.
7. Committee/Team Updates
- a. Investment Committee - no update
 - b. Personnel Committee - no update
 - c. Technology - no update
 - d. Budget Committee - no update
 - e. Safety and Security - plan on vetting Dana Group to see if we want to contract with them to secure a Federal Safety and Security grant.
 - f. B&G project update - Bill
 - Presented the proposal by Lee Manufacturing concerning the IC clock and bell work that needs to be done. B&G is recommending that we go ahead with \$9,500 clock and \$20,700 bell quote. Finance will vote on the proposal next month.
 - g. Cemetery - no update

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm following the Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival.

Submitted by Mike Weiland (12/19/24)

Evangelization Team Minutes

December 16th, 2024

Meeting held Monday, December 16th, 2024, 6:30 PM, Barbara Bode's house

Attending: Dan Becker, Luci Scheff, Barbara Bode, Sue Kruske, Mark Goeden

Absent: Dania Sereno

- Opening Prayer
 - December Reflection

- Book Handout reminder – ‘The Three Ordinary Voices of God’ – Matthew Kelly
 - Schedule mass helpers
 - Assignments for mass:
 - Christmas Eve (SP) – 4:00 – Karen and Dan Becker; Barbara
 - Christmas Eve (SM) – 9:00 –
 - Christmas (IC) – 8:30 – Luci; Sandra
 - Christmas (SM) – 10:30 – Sue
 - [Mark] to reach out to Allyson for additional help

- Future Topic on the horizon
 - “Get adults to find their faith again”
 - Based on parishioner Survey feedback there's a concern regarding the decline of youth and young adults participating in liturgy and more generally, activities throughout the parish. The Pastoral Council is taking this initiative up as an Action Plan and have identified 6 different tactics to address this. “Get adults to find their faith again” is one of these items. They are looking to have Faith Formation and Evangelization work on this topic.
 - Everyone is being asked to pray over this, and we will be discussing in a future meeting.

- Bulletin pieces for Evangelization
 - How did the first pieces go? - [Sue & Mark]
 - Sue and Mark met to begin laying out the first pieces.
 - Mark shared strawman examples of weeks 1-5 (see at the bottom of these Minutes).
 - It was noted that we don't necessarily have to lock into a weekly cadence, it can be every other week or some other duration. Also, we may not be prepared to start this in January, but it doesn't really have a required timeframe.

- We talked about possible “Title” ideas for this series. Examples below. None of these quite resonate yet – we’ll continue to ponder.

Titles:

- 1) Eucharistic Revival – ‘Year of Mission’ – What the heck does that mean
- 2) Evangelizing for the Rest of Us
- 3) Proclaiming God’s Love
- 4) I’m not an Evangelizer, but...

- [All] Everyone is asked to begin drafting examples of bulletin pieces.

- ‘Hands-On’ Evangelization ideas?
 - Deferred to next meeting
- Around the table (if time allows)
 - Evangelization experiences, learnings, ideas. What have we seen or lived?
 - Thanks to those that shared.
- Next Meeting
 - Monday, January 20th
- Closing Prayer

Strawman examples of bulletin pieces that Mark shared during the meeting. These are draft ideas, they are not literal and complete.

Week 1:

- What is this all about ---
 - The 3rd year of the Eucharistic Revival is the Year of Mission – Sending Forth
 - This year we will take a deeper look at us as evangelizers. We are all called to evangelize – some of us in what we say, and some of us in what we do.
 - Pope Francis quote on ‘proclaiming love’.

Week 2:

- Why do we evangelize, why is it important
 - Because Jesus told us to – Matthew 28 – ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations’.
 - As Catholics, we are living participants in Christ’s church. In this role we are called to be joyful and bring Christ to others.
 - We evangelize by sharing our faith through our words and our actions.

Week 3

- What are we hoping for when we share our faith through word or action with another person, etc.
 - That through our actions, God will gently touch the heart of the other person and draw them closer to Him.
 - It's not our job to convert the heart of the other person, their conversion is a cooperation between themselves and God. Our job is only to give them windows into what it's like to have a relationship with God.

Week 4

- Evangelizing simplified
 - To evangelize, we simply need to be a child of God, which we already are.
 - Simple evangelizing ideas:
 - Maybe wear a necklace or bracelet with a cross on it.
 - When someone asks, "How was your weekend?", you answer "Football on Saturday, and church on Sunday, the usual stuff."
 - Hang a rosary from your rearview mirror.
 - Take a casserole to your neighbor that you know is having a difficult week.

Week 5

- How else might we evangelize
 - When someone shares a difficult situation with you, respond by asking if it would be ok if you prayed for them.
 - Or, if you feel a bit brave, respond by asking if they would like to pray together right now – and you lead a spontaneous prayer with them.
 - If they say No... no problem, keep them in your own private prayers. Remember, we are Catholic, and this is what we are called to do.