

*St. Pius X Catholic Church  
122 West 400 North  
Moab, Utah 84532-0357*

*Parish Council Meeting #2  
September 19, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

**1. Opening Prayer**

Father Bill opened this Parish Council Meeting #2 with a reading of 1 Corinthians: 4-9.

**2. Welcome and Introduction (Appendix B)**

Those in attendance were:

Father Bill Wheaton	Pastor for approximate 8 years. He does not have any children but tends many sheep.
Bonni & Ken Wethington	Bonni and Ken have 7 grandkids.
Pat Trim	Pat and Shar have 2 children.
Jim McGann	
Theresa Rutter	Theresa and Mike have 3 children.
Chris Wilkowske	Parishioner since 2009. He and Hannah have 2 children.
Keith Brewer	Parishioner for the past 20 years and "Loves it here!" He and Shirley have 15 grandkids.
Deb Slechta	Deb and Jim have a son.

Those not in attendance were -

Marian DeLay

Nanci Flesher

### 3. Update on New Parish Priest and Bishop (Father Bill)

There is still uncertainty about a priest being assigned to St. Pius X. This decision depends on the Diocesan Personnel Board. At the present time, an administrator runs the diocese. Only a Bishop has the power to assign a Priest. The date for the parish's Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for September 26, 2017. A Bishop will be needed to perform this sacrament.

### 4. Financials - August through September 19, 2017

**Note:** When comparing any figures to last year's, you must remember that the last two weeks of the month are missing. Example: The Collections look short from last year, but there are two more collections that need to be taken.

#### **Income:**

**#36 90 STIPENDS:** \$820 compared to \$1,472 (last year) The Church was getting stipends from Price, Utah, last year. This is why the amount is so different.

**#30 30 OTHER ORDINARY INCOME:** This reflects Coffee Donations.

**#28 10 REGULAR INCOME:** The Church is on track thanks to generous tourists.

#### **Expense:**

**#68 1501 HOUSEKEEPING STAFF:** This amount is much smaller due to Father Bill doing much of the cleaning.

**#74 1507 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT:** This is lower due to the Church's overall Income being lower.

Expenses have dropped approximately \$5,000. Financials will be reviewed at every meeting.

#### **Questions:**

How does the Church pay for things? St. Pius X does not have any debt. Savings is now \$39,200.73.

Do the Weekly Collections go directly into the Savings? Yes, the Weekly Collections get deposited into the Savings Account. Monies from the Savings Account gets drawn out when there is a project that needs to be done (example: Kneelers).

Is there a fluctuation of Savings? At the present time, 'No.' The Church has been able to pay for projects so there has not been a drop in Savings. The Savings does not drop in the Winter because the regular parishioners are back in town. What impacts the Savings are those who give very large amounts for the Weekly Collection due to leaving for a while and then returning. Relocation of parishioners also impact the Weekly Collection amount.

## **Prioritized List of Projects for 2016 - 2017**

### **Projects which Build Community (Non-Maintenance):**

Father Bill personally requested:

1. Hospitality Coordinator - This person would extend a welcome to new parishioners. The coordinator would make sure that they have all of the correct paperwork and information needed for transferring from one parish to the next, giving them a tour of the church, signing up for the Catholic Register, and introduction to other parishioners.
2. Greeters and a Greeter Coordinator - This person would gather those who wish to extend a warm welcome at the the beginning and end of every Mass and coordinate this entire process.
3. Social Coordinator - This person would ensure that the Coffee Socials are filled weekly and coordinate these and other socials such as Funeral Lunches and the yearly Church Picnic.

Father then opened up this subject to the rest of the Council.

4. Music Ministry - *Possible hire* for Music Ministry (See Appendix A)
5. New Sound System
6. Weekly Floral Donations - Enter Donor and Donor's Request in the Bulletin. Father Bill stated that someone would have to coordinate this.
7. Art/Environment Director - Someone to ensure that proper liturgical art and holiday decorations are placed properly in its most sound environment.
8. Bulletin Editor - This person will replace Bonni Wethington.
9. Yearly Retreat held at St. Pius X. - Suggestions: Advent or Lent Who will coordinate?
10. Begin a History Library Area - Deb volunteered to do this.
11. Gift Bearers - Ask someone attending Mass to present the Gifts instead of the Ushers.
12. Grounds Ministry - Spiffy up the outside of the Church with garden maintenance, general building cleanliness, and picking up thrown trash.
13. Charity Account - Important outreach for the locals. (See Appendix A)
14. Fall or Christmas Social Coordinator - Parish Gathering

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### **Projects which Build Community (Non-Maintenance): (Continued)**

15. Corner Rosaries - Pray outside but stay on Church property. No preaching. Could do this for a special reason like an election, feast days, World Youth Day, etc.
16. Community Outreach - How would the Parish do this?
17. Build a Float for the Moab Light Parade - Who will Coordinate?
18. Sacristan Ministry - Someone is needed to wash the linens and clothing, and also dress the Altar.
19. Invite Guest Evangelists and Musicians to help bolster interest.\*
20. Address the needs of small children - Classes, Content\*

### **Building/Facilities (Maintenance):**

#### **St. Pius X Building:**

1. Heating and Air Conditioning - Replace the 60-year old Boiler Pump. The Rectory/Hall are on one unit and the Church is on a separate unit. There is some confusion about obtaining parts. Are they available or not? Also, it was assumed that a parishioner was taking care of the Boiler. Must get an updated report. The entire building needs a working Boiler. If the pump cannot be replaced, there will be no heat during the winter. Father Bill and Jim will be working on the cost.
2. New Lighting for the Church Interior
3. Xeroscape - Sprinklers are in need of repair. Weed control
4. Wheel Chair Ramp for the Front Entrance - Should a ramp be installed? Post a sign that tells visitors that easy access is around the back of the Church.
5. Resurface Parking Lot and Stripe - Jim will find a contact for resurfacing.
6. Replace the Carpet near the Altar with Tile.
7. Build a Retreat Center
8. Purchase a Bench for the Hall/History/Cry Room.

## **Prioritized List of Projects for 2016 - 2017**

### **Building/Facilities (Maintenance): (Continued)**

#### ***St. Pius X Building:***

9. Interior Painting - Water damaged areas and the Hall/History/Cry Room
10. Security Camera
11. Replace Door Hardware
12. Basketball Hoop
13. Install Bathroom Changing Tables\*
14. Cantor-type Music and "Meditative Sounds" - Recorded music hooked up to a sound system for Communion when the Choir is not present.\*

Note: \* Indicates input from Marian who was not present during this meeting.

#### ***Sacred Heart Mission Building: (See Appendix A)***

1. Replace the Carpet
2. Add Screens to Windows
3. Secure the Kneelers
4. Fix the Lighting
5. Fix the Parking Lot

#### **5. Next Meeting (See Appendix A)**

Father Bill asked the Council to prioritize these two lists for the next Council Meeting being held on Wednesday, November 9, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

**6. La Sal Road Cleanup -**

Theresa stated that the sign on the La Sal Road that states that Sacred Heart Mission cleans a section of the road, is missing. Father Bill thought that he had just seen the sign. Theresa will double-check and report her findings at the next meeting.

**7. Election of Parish Council President (Someone who will work closely with the new Pastor and provide continuity)**

**Patrick Trim accepted this position.**

Father Bill entertained a motion referencing Patrick Trim as Parish Council President. Bonni moved to Nominate. Ken seconded the motion. The balance of the council members were 'all in favor.'

**8. Closing Prayer**

Father Bill closed this first Parish Council Meeting with all holding hands and praying the Our Father.

I hold that the above minutes are correct to the best of my ability,

Deb Slechta  
St. Pius X Parish Council Secretary

Ave Maria!

## APPENDIX A

### Letter from Father Bill to Parish Council Members, October, 2016

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
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Dear Parish Council Members:

Thank you to all who were able to attend our last Parish Council meeting on Monday. For those who were unable to attend, we missed you. Please review the minutes of the meeting that will soon be provided by Deb Slechta that will provide a comprehensive presentation of what was discussed in the meeting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. - immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. I will be meeting with Patrick Trim and Jim McGann to create a meeting agenda. In the meantime, these are four items that will be included on the agenda as priority issues to be discussed. I present them to you so you will have time to think about them before the next meeting.

1. **Sacred Heart Mission in LaSal:** Before we commit to making any improvements or financial investments in the Mission, a more important question is what is the future of the Mission? Father Sherman had discontinued Mass at the Mission when he was pastor and there was some consideration given to closing the Mission and selling the property. When I arrived, we started celebrating Mass monthly from May through October (6 times each year). A new pastor may decide that attendance is too low to continue celebrating Mass there and may want to focus his attention to adding a Spanish Mass in Moab on Sunday afternoons (if he is Hispanic). So the question becomes, how much money and what, if any improvements should be made to the Mission? At our meeting there was a discussion about changing the lighting, getting screens, putting gravel in the parking lot, securing the kneelers, and changing the carpet. Should any of these improvements be made prior to the appointment of a new pastor? And, how will they be paid for? There is about \$900 in the Sacred Heart savings account raised two years ago at St. Pius Church. Should additional special collections be made at St. Pius for these improvements? And, the most important question, is it feasible to keep the Mission open given the small number of people in attendance?

2. **Music Ministry at St. Pius:** A recommendation was made that we consider hiring someone to play a musical instrument for Sunday liturgies. This could cost more than \$75 to \$100 per Mass. And, if we are hiring someone to play at Mass, should we hire the person not only for Sunday but also Saturday liturgies. The next question is who will cantor at the Masses? Does the Council believe that the Parish can and should be paying between \$500 and \$700 monthly for music ministry? If we do decide to pay for music ministry, what costs will have to be made in the budget as far as improvements or other programs?

3. **Tithe for Charity:** A recommendation was made that a percentage of each Sunday collection should be put directly into a charity account to provide outreach to needy families. The idea of tithing from the Sunday collection to help the poor is a wonderful idea. But, if we do it, what percentage of the Sunday collection should be put into the charity account each week. Our average collection for Sunday is about \$1600 so if the Parish practiced a full tithe of 10% we would put in about \$160 each week. Should the amount be less? How will it impact the budget and other projects for the Church? And, how will we get those organizations or individuals who receive assistance?

4. **Changing Sunday Mass Times:** This did not come up in the meeting but is something the Council needs to discuss. Now that the new St. Joseph Church and Parish Hall is complete, the parishioners of St. Joseph would like to begin a Sunday Social to build community. Since Mass now is at 12 noon and is finished just before 1:00 p.m., it is too late in the afternoon for people to stay for a parish social. They would like an earlier Mass time so that they could have a social and religious education after Mass. One possibility would be to change the Sunday Mass at St. Pius from 9:00 a.m to 8:00 a.m. and offer Mass at St. Joseph at 10:30 a.m. The La Sal Mass would be moved to 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month. If a Spanish-speaking priest is assigned as the new Parish, he could then have a Spanish Mass on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. This change would certainly benefit the visitors to the area who would like to get an earlier start in travel and the Parks. It would, however, not be convenient for our local parishioners who are used to having Mass at 9:00 a.m. Please discuss this with other parishioners and come to the meeting with your feedback.

In addition to these items we will be prioritizing some of the other projects discussed at the meeting but the above mentioned items will top the agenda. I encourage you to share these items with other parishioners and get some feedback to bring to the meeting.

Thank you for your service on the Council. Your input is important as we continue to plan for the future of St. Pius Church.

Sincerely,

Father Bill Wheaton  
Pastor

**APPENDIX B****2016 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS  
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