

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

*Parish Council Meeting #5
April 5, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.*

1. Opening Prayer

Bob had volunteered to open the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome and Introduction (Appendix E)

Father Bill extended a warm welcome and thanked everyone for attending. Those in attendance were Father Bill, Pat, Jim, Chris, Keith, Marian, Rachel, Bob, and Deb. Nanci and Theresa were not present.

3. January 31, 2017, Parish Council Minutes

Correction:

Marian stated that she was not to have a meeting with all of the Council members who volunteered to help with different events, but rather she was organizing the Moab Car Show parking event and gathering parishioners and a leader (Jim McGann) for this event and also asking the parishioners if they would like to volunteer for other church functions.

Approval:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for approval of the January 31, 2017, minutes. Keith moved to approve. Jim seconded the motion. The balance of the Council members were 'all in favor.'

4. Opening Comments: Father Bill

Father Rowland

Father Bill gave a brief background on Father Rowland who is from Nigeria. Father Rowland has been in the U.S.A. for four (4) years and is a Chaplain at University Hospital in Salt Lake. His residence is at St. Ambrose. Father Rowland has never been in Moab and has never been a Pastor in the U.S.A. but has been a Pastor in Nigeria. Father Bill has invited him down to meet the Council and the parishioners. There will be a new priest from the Congo who will replace Father Rowland.

Holy Thursday Foot Washing Rite**Page 2**

Referencing the email sent to all Council members, Father Bill explained his purpose for wanting the members to participate in the Holy Thursday Foot Washing Rite. He spoke of the responsibility of the Council to be true leaders in the Parish and that the Rite would be a symbolic sign of this leadership. When asked who would like to participate, Marian, Patrick, Jim, Rachel, Bob, and Deb raised their hands.

OLD BUSINESS**5. Financial Review Father Bill**

Please reference the attached **Statement of Activities for March, 2017**. The March Financials are closed. Father stressed that there must be a July Parish Council Meeting to clear out the year financially.

INCOME:

SAVINGS FOR ST. PIUS X:	\$44,000*
SAVINGS FOR LA SAL MISSION:	1,011

TOTAL INCOME FOR ST. PIUS X: \$ 8,125. Father stated that we are "in good shape."

March's #28 10 REGULAR INCOME of \$69,931.29 looks deceptive but is not really down from the Year to Date Total of \$72,143.64.

*Father Bill received a generous donation of \$2,000 which went into SAVINGS instead of #30 30 ORDINARY INCOME.

#26 RESTRICTED BUILDING FUND: Money has been transferred into this account to protect it from the #24 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR DIOCESAN SCHOOLS (EXPENSE). Father reminded everyone that if the #28 10 REGULAR INCOME amounts to over \$100,000, St. Pius X is then taxed \$200 month for Catholic schools.

To reduce #28 10 REGULAR INCOME even more, \$1,000 will be moved to the #33 60 INTERMOUNTAIN CATHOLIC INCOME ACCOUNT. Father will be doing this monetary transfer before July. Referencing the monies concerning #33 60, \$675 was collected from the parishioners. Therefore, St. Pius X is billed \$175 monthly and comes out of the #75 1508 INTERMOUNTAIN CATHOLIC EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

#35 CHARITY ACCOUNT: The \$1,488.71 reflects St. Pius X's 1% charitable giving.

The Church will receive a rebate on the #32 50 DDD this year.

6. Maintenance Project Review/Discussion by Jim**Page 3****Completed Projects**

The completed projects to date are: Installation of the Sanctuary Tile, Parish Office Storm Door, Painting of the Office Ceiling and Cry Room, plus the Storm Windows situated behind the Altar.

Storm Windows Behind the Altar

Contractors receive a \$200 discounted cost which brought the total cost of the windows to \$2,600. This bill was paid through the Church's SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

Sanctuary Lighting

Jim received a bid from a Blanding company and also a parishioner. Emphasis was placed on the fact that the Church is on a time-schedule deadline. Lighting will be replaced by the Altar and small lights in the Choir area will replace the spotlights. The three (3) fans are to be replaced with others so that the fan motors are new. Approval had to go before the Diocesan Liturgical Building Committee. The Vicar General approved the money to be spent. Father is asking parishioners if they wish to contribute to the cost of the lights/fans. He suggested a once-a-month collection for projects after the season of Lent.

Approval of Sanctuary Lighting and New Fans:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for approval of the lights and fans. Marian moved to approve. Keith seconded the motion. The balance of the Council members were 'all in favor.'

Patrick stated that he will go forward in ordering the lights/fans.

Parking Lot

Patrick has struck a dead end in getting a bid for placing a tar coat on the parking lot plus striping. Rachel said that she will ask the City Public Works Director to find out what company is doing the Chip and Seal job for the City. An appeal to all - if you see a paving company in Moab, please get its information and pass it to Jim or Patrick.

7. La Sal Mission - Parking Lot Bid Theresa

Due to Theresa's absence, this was skipped until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**7. Directional Sign Request - Moab Church of Christ Father Bill**

Letter received from Nathan A. Barton of Wasteline, Inc. (**Appendix A**)

After much discussion, the Council will approve the new sign if:

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- a. Sign is moved to the opposite side of the stop sign
 - b. A new picture is provided showing the new placement of the sign
 - c. Sign is mounted on poles and driven into the ground
 - d. St. Pius X Church has the discretion of moving the sign at any time and for any reason
 - e. Maintenance of the sign is the Moab Church of Christ's responsibility
 - f. The Council will need to approve the new placement of the sign

Motion of Approval of the above conditions based on the original style of sign shown in the Wasteline Inc. 25 March 2017 letter, and including the fact that any changes must have Parish Council approval:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for approval. There were 7 'yays' and 2 'nays.'

Father Bill will be replying back to the Moab Church of Christ with the new, above stipulations. **Follow up:** As of this date, this letter and its reply have been given. Approval to the new sign was approved via e-mail since the Moab Church of Christ met all of the Council's criteria. **See Appendix B and C.**

8. St. Joseph's Church Consecration

There may be a new Church Consecration date for St. Joseph's. More information will be given at a later date.

9. Interfaith Council - LDS - Community Needs Father Bill

Father received a phone call concerning the development of a new Interfaith Leadership Council to meet certain needs in the Moab community. It is requested for one (1) person to represent St. Pius X if the Parish Council wishes the church to be a member. One of the key items of need is the Food Bank which dwindles to very low items during the summer. It was thought that Father Rowland may, himself, wish to be the Church's representative.

The first meeting's date was set for Thursday, April 6, 2017. This would include dinner at the Fairfield Inn and begin at 6:00pm. Father Bill will be in Salt Lake for the Chrism Mass. Bob volunteer to attend the initial meeting and come back to report to the Council. The Council may wish to rotate its members for each of these Interfaith Council meetings. The initial meeting is to identify what particular needs are needed in the community. The formation of this new Interfaith Council was well received by all of the Parish Council Members.

10. Future Project - Rest Rooms/Shower Father Bill

Large groups have been staying overnight at the Church this past year. Should we look into the possibility of Chris' suggestion of a future Retreat Center? With all of the other Church projects that have been completed and are in the works, the Council felt that at this moment in time the Church cannot afford to entertain the idea of a Retreat Center due to money constraints.

Catholic as well as non-Catholic groups have inquired about using the hall as a staging area for their trips. Should the Church invest in building Rest Rooms that include a Shower?

With only one bathroom per gender, it is very difficult during the weekend Masses to accommodate everyone. Plus, Father Bill is the one who is doing all of the bathroom cleaning.

Suggestions -

Can we put the Church Basement to good use for this?

Should we supply a Port-a-Potty?

St. Pius X does not charge a fee. All Catholic groups are insured. Non-Catholic groups would need to be insured.

Maybe have a contract stipulating a Cleaning Deposit and for the group to supply the Port-a-Potty.

Should we limit the number of groups?

Give the group an Information Sheet stating where Showers can be found in the Moab area (Aquatic Center, bike shops)

Give the group a Rules and Regulations Sheet (ex: the group is responsible for vacuuming, cleaning bathroom, replacing tables moved)

There is a group which is arriving in June. The Council concluded that the Church will ensure that a Port-a-Potty will be rented.

Father suggested that maybe these groups should be under EXPENSE heading #65 1410 PARISH FUNCTION SOCIALS GENERAL/EVENT.

11. **Upcoming Social Events:**

Car Show Parking - Jim McGann is coordinating and the St. Joseph Youth Group is volunteering to help.

Confirmation - This is still set for Tuesday, September 26

Parish Picnic/Other Events -

a. Pancake Breakfast:

Please see **Appendix D** regarding the Pancake Breakfast and Father's Farewell Celebration after a Sunday Mass in late June or early July. Chris is heading this up.

b. Father Rowland's Welcome:

Date is set for Friday, August 4, to hold a Pot Luck Dinner for Father Rowland and Parish Council Members. **Please see Appendix D.** Chris is heading this up.

c. First Holy Communion Reception for Inga and Kailee

First Holy Communion is taking place on Mother's Day, May 14. The reception is immediately following the Mass. Marian has ordered a cake. Debbie Munger is supplying roses for the tables, the Tupeks are decorating the tables and making coffee. Deb is heading this up.

d. Parish Picnic

Please see **Appendix D** concerning changing the date of the picnic to late August to give Father Rowland a chance to acclimate himself with the parish. Also, more discussion needs to take place concerning the place where the picnic should take place. Chris is heading this up.

12. **Website Update** **Rachel**

Rachel sent out the very first email and of the 30 email addresses only two came back as incorrect. The Facebook page has 65 followers. Statical information of the Posting numbers show that there is a lot of interest in regards to the website, itself.

13. **Closing Prayer**

Patrick closed this Parish Council Meeting with the following:

“Almighty and loving God, thank you for the Grace and Mercy that You have granted our Parish family since 1954. As we grow in Your love, the needs of our Parish are also growing. We look to You, Mover of Mountains, to help us come together to modernize our Church buildings and grounds, as well as being open to new programs and activities, so that we can continue to be a beacon of hope within the community, now and in the future years to come. We trust You, as we make our next steps in faith. We believe it to be Your Will, not only for us, but for future generations who will follow us.

Open our hearts to Your Will, Your Wisdom, and Your Mercy. Make us generous with our limited resource. Motivate us to be good stewards of all that you have given us and sacrificially know that what we return to You will be to Your greater glory.

We look forward with hope knowing that Your Grace will provide for our needs.

We pray in confidence in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

14. **Next Meeting**

A date had not been determined for the July Parish Council Meeting since it was suggested to ask Father Rowland to attend this meeting. Father Bill is extending this invitation.

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

Deb Slechta, St. Pius X Parish Council Secretary

APPENDIX E**2016 - 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
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Revision #4**

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Dear Parish Council Members:

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I am sending this note to Deb Slechta so she can forward it to all of you.

I am having reservations about having the Parish Picnic on the weekend of June 4 because there are so many parishioners who are going to be gone that weekend. As I have gotten responses from parishioners for the ministry schedules, that weekend is probably the one weekend when many of our parishioners are going to be gone. It's probably because it's the first weekend after school is out. Regardless of what we decide to do, I think that we should change the date.

I have been in communication with Chris about the picnic and what we could and should do. I would like to offer the following alternative to the picnic this year. What about if we had a pancake breakfast after one of the 9 a.m. Sunday Masses in late June or early July. That breakfast could also be the farewell celebration. Chris has been wanting to do a parish breakfast and this would give us a chance to have one. I would cancel the Mass in Monticello that weekend and we won't be rushed. We also won't have to worry about moving tables or the availability of the Park. Please consider this alternative to the picnic.

My second recommendation would be to have the parish picnic in late August or early September as the welcome for Father Rowland. It could be a lunch and potluck and maybe that one could be in the Park or in Old City Park. That would give Fr. Rowland a few weeks to get adjusted to the Parish before the welcome.

Please let Chris know if you think the pancake breakfast would be a good alternative and we can select a Sunday date in late June or early July for the event.

Thank you and we will see you tomorrow night, Holy Thursday, for the footwashing.

Fr. Bill Wheaton

Hi Deb—

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Will you forward this to the Council members. The attachment is the new rendering of the sign's location north of the stop sign for the Church of Christ.

I think it looks much better.

Thank you

Fr. Bill

From: Edward Johnson [<mailto:newgatewaynv55@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2017 8:28 AM
To: St Pius X
Subject: Re: Church of Christ Sign on St. Pius X Property

Here is the new rendering as requested (it is also an exhibit to the agreement); the agreement will be signed by all the men present today at our worship assembly and class, and delivered during the week. We are asking for two original agreements so that each congregation has one.

Nathan

On 7 April 2017 at 13:52, St Pius X <piusx@frontiernet.net> wrote:
April 7, 2017

Dear Mr. Barton:

The Parish Council of St. Pius X Church met on Wednesday, April 5. They conditionally approved the placement of the Church of Christ sign on the Parish property if the following conditions were met:

1. The Council did not like the placement of the sign directly on the corner (south of the Stop sign) because they felt it would cause confusion regarding the location of the Catholic Church. They wanted the sign moved at least 6 feet north of the stop sign.

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2. The Council would like to see a new rendering (picture) with the placement of the sign in the new location and they asked to approve the placement after seeing the new picture and location.

3. The approval of the sign is based on the style and size specifications indicated in the proposal. Any changes in the sign would require approval by the Parish Council.

4. The Church of Christ would be fully responsible for the maintenance of the sign and meeting any city code requirements.

5. Sign cannot be permanently placed on the property and must be mounted following the approved proposal.

6. The Church of Christ can be asked to remove the sign at any time by the Parish Council and/or Pastor. (The reason for this requirement is in the event that the Parish should decide to re-landscape the corner, extend the fence or move the current Parish sign to the corner.

7. Finally, all these stipulations must be spelled out in a letter signed by the Pastor/Administrator of the Church of Christ and by the Pastor of St. Pius.

The most important stipulation expressed unanimously by the Parish Council was that the Church must have the freedom to be able to ask that the sign be moved and/or removed at an time at their discretion. If this will work for your community, let me know and we can proceed with project.

Thank you,
Rev. Bill Wheaton
Pastor

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[APPENDIX C](#)

Dear Council Members:

There has been some questions raised about the delay in getting the signage for the Church of Christ resolved. The delay was due to their Community's failure to return the information you (the Council) requested in a timely manner. We only got a response from them a couple of days ago.

We need to make sure all the t's are crossed and the l's are dotted because a bigger P.R. nightmare will be if the sign is put up and Fr. Rowland comes in and says he wants it removed—which will be his prerogative as parish administrator. If we can demonstrate that careful deliberation went into the decision it will be less likely that it will be a problem down the road. Also, Council members will remember that the decision to allow the sign was not a unanimous vote by the Council so there is some hesitance on the part of some members. (And I am not sure what the reaction of the Parish community in general will be.)

So there is nothing wrong with the Parish making sure this is what's best for the Parish.

Fr. Bill Wheaton