

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

***Parish Council Meeting
July 7, 2016 - 7:15 p.m.***

1. Opening Prayer

Father Bill opened this first Parish Council Meeting with the "Prayer of St. Francis."

2. Welcome and Introduction

Those in attendance were:

Father Bill Wheaton	Pastor for 8 years
Bonni Wethington	Parishioner for 7 years Maintains the church's website
Ken Wethington	Parishioner for 7 years Responsible for the installment of the new kneelers Responsible for the church's finances
Nanci Flesher	9 years as the leader for the church's Music Ministry. Nanci plans all Liturgical music. Nanci is also the church cantor.
Pat Trim	Parishioner for approximately 2 years
Jim McGann	Handles Maintenance of the church, is an usher, and helps Father when needed.
Marian Delay	Parishioner for 46 years, is a lector, has previously taught CCD, was responsible with the past running of Bingo, and has helped with the Election Day Dinners
Theresa Rutter	Parishioner of Sacred Heart Mission. Theresa stated that she has been a parishioner for the longest amount of time.
Deb Slechta	Parishioner for 1-1/2 years, is a lector, and teaches RCIA

Those not in attendance were -

Chris Wilkowske

Keith Brewer

Many parishioner have been inquiring about how the Parish Council came to be since Father Bill had not formally announced the development of a new Parish Council to the parishioners. Some of the new members expressed how they were being approached by other parishioners as to how everyone was picked for this new Parish Council. Normally, the Parish Council is elected. The simplistic answer was to say that they were personally asked by Father Bill and, if they wished to pursue the topic further, to please direct their questions to Father.

Please see Appendix A which is a partial list of the new Parish Council member's contact information.

3. Introductory Remarks - Purpose and importance of this year's Parish Council (Fr. Bill)

Father stated that the original Parish Council did not have a lot going on, therefore, it was disbanded. Since this is Father's last year as the church's Pastor, he felt that it was important to form a new Parish Council to guide the new Pastor (if there is one) and to also have a core group of parishioners who understood the day-to-day operation and responsibilities of the church. The Council will be 'essential' because it is uncertain if St. Pius X will be given a new Pastor or if she does not. The President of the Council will need to work closely with the new Pastor and act as a liaison with the parishioners.

Father then listed some of his responsibilities such as paying the bills, doing the laundry/linens and basic cleaning. The new Pastor must basically live on his own. Father thinks that a foreign priest may have difficulty due to their home country's views versus those of the USA. Plus, Father mentioned that some priests do not know much about finances (handling money). The grasp of the English language may also pose a problem with being understood properly. Father sees an arrival of an Hispanic Priest as a great positive because then the parish could possibly expand by having a larger Hispanic community.

Father explained that he will be transferred to the Diocese of Juno, Alaska. This diocese only has 8 priests. Father is unsure if he will stay for 3 years and then return to the Diocese of St. Lake City until he has reached retirement status or if he will stay in Juno permanently. Marian stated that she was approached about the 'rumor' that Father is leaving, and she wanted to know from Father what was the appropriate answer to tell. Father said, "If someone asks, you may tell them."

4. Review and Approval of the Year End Financial Report (Fr. Bill)

Fr. Bill handed out three (3) reports listed below. Copies go to the Diocese every year and the parishioners can review the reports at will.

- a. Annual Report - St. Pius X, June, 2016 - All Funds
- b. Statement of Financial Position - St Pius X, June, 2016 - All Funds
This report reflects money from the Savings Account.

c. Statement of Activities - St. Pius X, June, 2016 - All Funds

This report give the comparisons of 'Year to Date Last Year' and 'Year to Date Actual.' This report reflects money from the Checking Account.

Father Bill explained the Statement of Activities more fully. The ***INCOME*** varies from year to year. Ideally, the church needs to have an income of less than \$100,000 so that she does not have to pay \$2,000 for the #23 CATHOLIC SCHOOL ASSESSMENT which is collected in the Diocese yearly.

#28 10 REGULAR INCOME is a combination of fundraisers and the weekly offertory collection. This should conveniently be under \$100,000.

#30 30 OTHER ORDINARY INCOME is a combination of parking income and interest from the church's checking accounts.

#32 50 DDD REBATE happens when the church is over the required quota.

#35 CHARITY ACCOUNT Donations count as Income (air conditioner). It is nice to know that some of this money came directly from the special Rice Bowl Collection. Father would like to purchase \$25 or \$50 Gift Cards from City Market to give to those who are in grave need. The Council concurred on this idea.

#47 1101 PRIEST SALARY, #62 1407 OFFICE STAFF, #52 1106 MEDICAL INSURANCE, #82 1515 WORKMANS COMP, #51 1105 SOCIAL SECURITY, AND #18 OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS Father Bill stated that normally St. Pius X pays for the priests and St. Joseph's pays for all insurance. Last year (2015) was different, though, due to the building of the new St. Joseph's church. St. Pius X actually paid for last year's insurance.

#50 1104 PRIEST RETIREMENT The church is 'on track' for this year.

#53 1107 PRIEST COVERAGE This is for Deacon Tom when he must be present for a SCAP.

#68 1501 HOUSEKEEPING STAFF There was one woman as the Housekeeper, but she has not been replaced.

#74 1507 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT is a tax based on the #30 30 OTHER ORDINARY INCOME. The higher the INCOME, the higher the tax. This affects what is owed for the #23 CATHOLIC SCHOOL ASSESSMENT.

#75 1508 INTERMOUNTAIN CATHOLIC It used to be that St. Pius X had to pay for 120 subscriptions even though there were not that many households in the parish. The parish is now being assessed (taxed) for 60 subscriptions.

#57 1402 TELECOMMUNICATIONS Father Bill has switched from Emery Telecom to Direct TV due to the better service/reception.

#56 1401 ELECTRICITY Due to Father's frugal attempts this past year, this amount is quite less than last year. The electrical bill is a standard payment with no fluctuation of cost.

#71 1504 SUBSCRIPTIONS BOOKS Father invested some money into books this year which have been well received by the parishioners.

#64 1409 MAINTENANCE Unexpected expenses for 2016 include the ceiling in the office collapsing and the guest bathroom floor replacement. Maintenance also rose due to the air conditioner and the kneelers.

#67 1500 YOUTH GROUP This reflects the Confirmation Classes for this year.

Question: How is the church paying for things?

Answer: The church is paying for things through donations. It was suggested to take some monies from the Savings account. Father feels that \$40,000 is a good amount.

Question: How are new projects being paid?

Answer: New projects are being paid through the Savings account.

The church needs to find someone to maintain the books by the beginning of the new year. It was suggested to have someone come in once a month just to write the checks. Many expenses are paid through direct pay.

It was suggested for the council to start receiving quarterly financial records.

Father Bill entertained a motion referencing the financial statements. Nanci moved to approve, as written. Theresa seconded the motion. The balance of the council members were 'all in favor.'

Father Bill asked the present council members to fill out a formal Diocese of Salt Lake City form titled, "Attestation of Financial Accountability." This information included names and addresses, and it needed to be signed and dated.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Election Day Dinner 2016

A serious discussion took place about the profitability of holding this dinner. Everyone concurred that, although it established St. Pius X in the community, it is too much work for the aging parishioners. Unless there is a *full parish contribution*, it is not practical to hold the dinner. Other reasons were given for not continuing with the dinner tradition. Some of these reasons were not having the manpower, parishioners are aging, there is no one to lead the event, attendance became smaller and smaller throughout the years. Father spoke to Carolyn Lema who used to chair this dinner. She suggested to simplify the food selection by

servicing one salad, one dessert, and have turkey with dressing and potatoes. Still, the council felt that this was too much work for such small profit. Last dinner's profit was \$1,000. It was agreed to not hold this dinner anymore. Marian suggested that maybe the responsibility for dinner could be rotated by using the services of the different churches within Moab. Someone would need to volunteer to ask other churches if they would be willing to participate.

After the dinner discussion, Deb asked what type of presence did St. Pius X have in the community, and specifically, did Father participate in Prison Ministry. Father said, 'No, not in Moab because Moab does not have a state prison, but 'yes' in Monticello on Fridays. Marian informed Father that at the Grand County Prison, state prisoners are being held. Father, totally unaware of this, then asked Marian if she could gather more information about these prisoners and find out who the contact person would be.

b. Choir and Music Ministry (Nanci)

Nanci announced that Ed will be playing for one more Sunday and then be away for two (2) months. Mary Ann plays the electronic keyboard and sometimes the organ which is in need of being replaced. It is unsure how long Mary Ann will continue participating in the choir due to health needs. It was stressed that the keyboard is primary for the music. The guitars then come second. Nanci stated that JoAnne acknowledged that her voice 'is gone.' Nanci, herself, is always back and forth with one week in Moab and one week away. Brooks is here in Moab for a while but does not feel comfortable being the only guitarist. Nanci stated that if she is at Mass, then there will be four (4) songs sung, but, the Psalms will not be sung. The Alleluia will always be sung. This is to avoid confusion with the lector.

c. RCIA and Religious Education (Fr. Bill and Deb)

Starting this September, there will be a new second grade Religious Education class forming which will focus on the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The fourth to six grade classes are now being taught by Fr. Bill. This includes Confirmation classes. However, the four (4) children who are to be Confirmed must wait until next year in the hopes that a new Bishop will be designated for the diocese. As for the RCIA, there are three (3) adults who, hopefully, should be able to join the children next year to be Confirmed. Deb stated that she needed to make an appointment with Fr. Bill to discuss the date for the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.

6. Prioritized List of Projects for 2016 - 2017 (Appendix B)

The council members were given this sheet to fill out and return at the second council meeting. Items listed may be geared towards any type of improvement or maintenance, both spiritual and concrete. Father spoke about replacement of the florescent lighting. Theresa informed the council that her husband, Michael, is a licensed electrician. The parking lot also needs to be re-stripped.

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

Since there was not one single council member (who was present) willing to take on this responsibility, Nanci suggested that two (2) members take on a Co-Presidency. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, at 6:00pm, directly after the 5:30pm daily Mass. One of the discussion topics will be how to get the parishioners involved in church ministry. Should there be handouts, a stewardship appeal, or another way? Please think about this important topic and bring your ideas to the next meeting.

9. 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**2016 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
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APPENDIX B

**PRIORITIZED LIST OF PARISH PROJECTS
FOR 2016 - 2017**

***List five (5) projects or things that you would like to see accomplished at St. Pius X Church during the coming year. (Do not worry about the cost at this time.)**

-- Please look around the Parish between now and the next meeting and prioritize your list.

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