

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

*Parish Council Meeting #3
November 9, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.*

1. Opening Prayer

Patrick opened the meeting with the following prayer which he felt was very appropriate for all Parish Council members:

Lord,

May your goodness and love be present amongst us today.

Come bless our gathering with unity, hope, and vision.

Lord, we pray for unity.

Build in us all a deep respect for one another so that your Church may be one.

Lord, we pray for hope.

Come stir your hope within our hearts and renew our faith.

Lord, we pray for vision.

May your vision fill our lives as we seek to reveal your love.

We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus.

Amen.

2. Welcome and Introduction

Father Bill extended a warm welcome and thanked everyone for attending. He stated that he would like to keep the meetings to no more than 1-1/2 hours in length.

3. September 19, 2016 Parish Council Minutes

Correction:

Patrick asked if anyone discovered any errors or omissions in the previous meeting's minutes. Jim asked for clarification to the name of the proper banking account under the Questions section on Page 2, subsection, Do the Weekly Collections go directly into the Savings? Father Bill corrected the minutes by stating that the answer should read: '**No**, the Weekly Collections get deposited into the **Checking Account...**'

Approval:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for approval of the September 19, 2016 minutes. Keith moved to approve. Marian seconded the motion. The balance of the council members were 'all in favor.'

4. Determination of Savings Account Amount

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Father Bill asked what monetary cushion should the church keep in the Savings Account for repairs. What do the council members perceive to be a reasonable amount of money? This led to questions from the members.

Can Father take out money from the Savings Account anytime he feels like it? No, Father needs permission from the Diocese to withdraw money from the Savings Account. He must have approval to spend or withdraw any money.

What is the average weekly Collection and how much does this fluctuate with Tourist versus Non-Tourist seasons? Father stated that there is not much fluctuation in the Collection amounts between the two types of seasons. St. Pius X does not experience a large high/low variance because Collection money typically comes from the parishioners and not tourists. The average weekly Collection totals are between \$1,600 to \$2,000.

Father then reminded all that the November, 2016, Statement of Activities - All Funds is showing many \$00.00s because, date-wise, the report was printed without November being fully represented. An example of this is #38 DEPOSIT AND LOAN INTEREST. Reflecting recent activity this should read between \$60 - \$70.

Is there a formula as to what amount gets deposited into the Savings Account?
Whenever there is a little extra money, Father Bill deposits it into the Savings.

Father stated that \$2,000 was recently spent on the Ambry and it's Sacred Oils glass containers.

He then went on to state that the Savings amount for the year is approximately \$12,000 but the church has needed many repairs. Referencing the Statement of Financial Position, November, 2016 - All Funds, ASSETS: #1 SLC DEPOSIT & LOAN states \$39,248.93 in the Savings Account, year-to-date.

The repair of the air conditioner was paid for from the Parking Fundraiser.

5. Prioritized List of Projects for 2016 - 2017

Father Bill wished to add a new item to this list which is, INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS. Having a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power Company, he learned that the church could receive a Blue Sky Grant which would fund solar panels being installed upon the roof. All expenses would be underwritten with this grant (labor, installation, hardware). There is a nominal fee of \$2,000 that the church will be responsible for. Under Statement of Activities, November, 2016 - All Funds, EXPENSES: #56 1401 ELECTRICITY states \$1,265.60. Questions were raised with the answers needing to be investigated for presentation at the next council meeting:

How does the weight of the solar panels affect the roof?

Could the solar panels be installed on the parking lot? Where at?

Would the Blue Sky Grant apply if the panels were to be installed on the parking lot?

5. **Prioritized List of Projects for 2016 - 2016 (Continued)**

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The council then determined the top items to focus on for improvement of the church.

- #1 - BOILER \$1,500
The boiler is broken in the Rectory and Parish Hall. New plumbing is necessary to replace the old. The additional repair cost was not determined.
- #2 - SOLAR PANELS \$2,000
- #3 - WINDOWS BEHIND THE ALTAR \$2,800
This new item Father Bill added is necessary because the window behind the Crucifix is not energy efficient. Father stated that in the summer, when the sun hits the glass, the entire Sanctuary feels like an oven.
- #4 - RECTORY SECURITY DOOR \$500
Father also felt that a security door was necessary for the Rectory.
- #5 - TILE SANCTUARY \$7,600
The council looked at various samples of tile. It was decided that Jim, Marian, and Nanci look for more color options. An update on this was on Sunday, November 13. Those present after Mass looked at the new samples and picked two colors.
- #6 LIGHTING \$5,000 - \$7,000
This will be pendant lighting. The Bishop, before he left the Diocese, requested that the fluorescent lighting be replaced due to its inappropriateness for a church.
- #7 SEALING THE PARKING LOT \$10,000
This has to be done before the entire lot is in such bad shape that it needs to be replaced. Jim is waiting for an estimate of cost.
- #8 PAINTING OF THE HALL AND CRY ROOM \$1,000

The Project that did not get included on the list at this time was:

- XEROSCAPING \$13,334
This would involve taking out the grass near the Rectory. Two people work for one hour per week at \$40/week. The existing hoses are all in need of being replaced. It is estimated that \$100/week would be saved in water expense.

6. How to Pay for the Projects

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The cost of the 8 Projects is approximately \$32,400. The council would like to keep the costs to \$35,000 or under. This will leave \$10,000 (approximately) in the Savings account.

There could be a Special Collection when it is Tourist Season.

Earmark the Parking Fundraiser to assist in paying for these projects. The approximate amount for this fundraiser would be \$1,500.

Approval:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for acceptance of the above Projects and leaving \$10,000 in the Savings account. Marian moved to approve. Nanci seconded the motion. The balance of the council members were 'all in favor.'

7. Tithing for Charity

Father Bill referenced the Statement of Activities, November, 2016 - All Funds, EXPENSES #39 CHARITY ACCOUNT, \$250 to date has been given out for assistance. This money comes out of #28 10 REGULAR INCOME. A concern is that the church receives just the amount each week to cover its expenses. It was decided that 1% would be earmarked from the #28 10 REGULAR INCOME each week and placed into the INCOME #35 CHARITY ACCOUNT. Should a certain dollar amount be set each month? Yes, but there are always exceptions. As a rule, this CHARITY ACCOUNT should not be \$0.00 at the end of each month. There can be no carryover with a Charity account. Any money left over at the end of the Fiscal Year must be donated. The council will determine what charity the church wishes to contribute to.

St. Pius X benefits from the annual Rice Bowl Collection. This is approximately \$400 - \$500 dollars. This money gets placed into the Charity account.

Approval:

Patrick entertained a motion to vote for acceptance of a new 1% Tithing for Charity Program. Theresa moved to approve. Keith seconded the motion. The balance of the council members were 'all in favor.'

8. Music Ministry

The council decided to not pay for Music Ministry. Everyone agreed that the Budget would suffer if money was taken out for musicians. Nanci had thought that she could jet back and forth, but she realized that this would be very stressful. She arranged with Mary Ann Murray that they would alternate weeks, therefore, allowing an instrument to be played. The choir would be singing every week. Ed 'may' come back, Brooks has left only to return in the summer. Mary Ann still has surgery scheduled. Nanci is back for the First Week of Advent. When Nanci is in town, she will play both on Saturday and Sunday.

9. Mass Time Change

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The purpose of the Mass Time Change is to help St. Joseph's to build Community. Many parishioners wish to have a Social Time/Religious Ed/Bible Study on Sundays. What is best for both church communities? Have the parishioners in Monticello thought to have an early social before Mass? Deacon Tom has heard that some people may not be interested. It was agreed that time for Mass at St. Pius X could be at 8:00am. The Choir could come at 7:45am because they practice during the week and not before Mass. Parishioners, for the most part, understand. Father stated that he would not change Mass times until closer to Easter.

10. Sacred Heart Mission

What is the future of this Mission? Why are we keeping it open? There may be six people who attend Mass on the six days that Father celebrates Mass there. Is it worth recommending to the Diocese to close. The rationale for keeping it open is because Sacred Heart consists of an older community. It was acknowledged that it would be a hardship for those living in La Sal. For this reason maybe it should remain open. There will be more discussion concerning this at the next meeting.

11. Balance of items on the Agenda

The rest of the Agenda is tabled until the next meeting.

12. The **Volunteer for Opening Prayer** at the next Parish Council Meeting is Marian.

13. Closing Prayer

Father Bill closed this Parish Council Meeting with all praying the Our Father.

14. Updated Contact Sheet (Appendix A)*

*Please note that Bob Meierdierks is the newest council member. He will be replacing Bonni Wethington.

15. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting being held on Tuesday, January 16, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

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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