

*St. Pius X Catholic Church  
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*Parish Council Meeting #9  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018*

Father Rowland, Theresa, Marian, Patrick, Jim, Bob, and Deb were in attendance.

1. OPENING PRAYER - Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be led by Father Rowland
2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES - All

Marian noted that in the last minutes, it was not stated that she asked Patrick what was the reason for the \$4,000 bank fee. Patrick replied that this dollar entry was incorrect. The bank fee is \$25. Patrick entertained a motion to vote for approval of the November 8, 2017, minutes. Bob moved to approve. Jim seconded the motion. The balance of the Council members were 'all in favor.'

3. OPENING COMMENTS - Father Rowland

Father asked Marian to read Mark 4:1-20. *"They may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven."* Father's reflection explained that priests are consecrated to preach and teach the Word of God. Some agree and some disagree with these priestly teachings. These spiritual teachings apply to all of us when we hear God's Word explained by a priest. We must not lose faith that everything we are doing is a Blessing from God. As Parish Council members, how do we continue to show and live the Word of God?

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Parish Ministries and Website - Father Rowland

There are now 4 more volunteers to help with the ministry of Ushers. Andrew, who attends Saturday Mass, agreed to take over the website responsibilities.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Christmas Celebration Feedback - Father Rowland

The Christmas celebration is one of the Church's most important celebrations which helps us to understand the mystery of the Incarnation (Christ coming to share in our human nature.)

b. Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Emergency Planning Guidelines - Father Rowland

The members were asked to read the Emergency Planning Guidelines. Emphasis is placed on security. How do we ensure that the parishioners and visitors are safe especially in the dark of night. The ushers and the Parish Council members will be the first ones to assist those who need help.

It is critical that there are enough Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Lectors signed up for every Mass. This past Christmas, there was a shortage. Let us try to ensure that this does not happen again. As of this writing, it appears that the Masses for Easter will have the required ministries filled. If you are substituting for someone, please let Father Rowland know this in writing and also write your name on the schedule that is hanging in the Vestment Room. Please do not assume that everyone knows who the substitute is. In reference to Easter Masses, in the past no folding chairs were set up due to safety hazard probability. This year, folding chairs will be placed in the front of the first pews. This should eliminate tripping and not affect a safety evacuation if one is necessary.

c. Automatic Defibrillator- Bob

Bob is investigating the cost of purchasing an automatic defibrillator. Marian suggested that Father introduce himself (if he has not done so already) to the Police/Sheriff/Fire Departments and give them the schedule of the Church's Masses, especially those held in the dark of night.

d. Security Cameras - Bob

The inside cameras are of poor quality. Bob said that Robert is investigating what type the Church should get. Outside cameras are needed to. Bob is to ask Robert if he will be able to give a presentation at the next meeting. It was suggested that three (3) outside and two (2) inside cameras will be needed.

e. Lights - Bob

The lights are now added to the fans and dimmers have been installed.

f. First Sunday/Birthday Celebration Feedback - Father Rowland

Father was pleased with the January birthday celebration. Celebrations help all to get to know each other. The Church pays for all costs for these monthly celebrations. Please give receipts to Father. How can we expand on this? Marian suggested adding 'anniversaries.' How do we involve parishioners who attend Saturday Mass? The additional, individual Birthday Blessing placed upon those during Mass makes the birthdays extra special.

g. DDD 2018 Letter from the Diocese - Father Rowland  
Parish Masters of Ceremony

The Church is assessed for \$11,000. Marian volunteered to find out the reason why the Church must pay such a high dollar amount. Father asked for volunteers for Parish Masters of Ceremony to speak in front of the parishioners to explain what the DDD is all about, why it must be paid, and how this affects the Church's savings if the total dollar amount is not collected. Marian is to investigate and give Father a report. The volunteer Parish Masters of Ceremony are: Marian, Jim, and Deb. They will take a rotation schedule of the Masses to speak. This is to begin in February.

h. Snow Removal - Jim and Bob

Normal practice is to ask someone who has a tractor to clear the parking lot. There is not so much snow that a contract would be necessary but Bob said that he will try to find someone who will commit. Bags of salt are available for the sidewalks.

i. Parish Fundraising - Car Show and Art Festival

The Church does not gain any funds from the Art Festival since the school parking is available and free of charge. This festival is held during the Memorial Day weekend and because of this many parishioners are on vacation, therefore, there may be lack of volunteers.

As for the Car Show, Father Bill has a folder that explains how to organize everything. Last year Marian and Jim ensured that the event ran smoothly. Approximately \$1,500 was raised by parking cars on the Church lot.

j. Father Rowland's Vacation

Father will be gone from April 2 through May 11. There will be two (2) priest who will say Mass on one of April's weekends. All other will be SCAPs.

k. Next Meeting Date

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at 5:30.** Pizza will be provided by Marian, drinks by Deb, and a salad by Jim.

**CLOSING PRAYERS** - Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Glory Be led by Patrick