

**PARISH COUNCIL #14 MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Father Rowland, Terry Marsh, Jim McGann, Marian DeLay, Bob Meierdierks, and Deb Slechta. Those absent: Chris Wilkowske, Theresa Rutter, Robert Tupek

PRAYER

Marian read Judges 6:11-24a. Father Rowland prayed that the Parish Council be open to what the Lord is asking of us, just like Gideon, and to give us strength to carry on His mission.

MINUTES

Marian asked for a correction to the June 18, 2019 minutes regarding the purchase of the Hall Chairs. This request is to strike Chris' name from the Minutes since he was not present to give his report. The statement that the new chairs would not be purchased was stated by Marian who was referring to a conversation that she and Chris had. A second correction from Marian is: Tony Lema said that he would be willing to pay for the chairs if St. Pius X could not afford to pay the full amount. Marian then questioned the Diocesan Pastoral Plan being submitted every 4 months. Father Rowland stated that it is incorrect to state that the Plan must be given every four months. It is up to the Pastor as to when he feels it should be done. Fourth correction that Marian stated is regarding the Art Festival Vendors: Father and Bob stated, 'security' as the reason during a private conversation. Marian wishes the Minutes to be corrected to read that the reason of 'security' was not given during the Parish Council Meeting because Bob was not present. Marian made a motion to approve the Minutes with the above changes. Terry Marsh seconded the Motion. All were 'in favor.'

PARISH ACCOUNT

St. Pius X Financial Status - Father Rowland reviewed the statement of Activities, comparing the years starting from the End of the Fiscal Year of 2015-2016, 2017, 2018, up to the present time. The Diocesan record shows that St. Pius X is one of the parishes whose annual Ordinary Income is less than \$100,000, and has an expenditure limit of \$5,000.

The annual income from past years to present is as follows:

2015 - 2016	\$ 95,455.64
2016 - 2017	94,908.29
2017 - 2018	122,249.61 (\$5,000 and Grant \$4,000)
2018 - 2019	112,493.74

The Ordinary Income went up in 2017 - 2018 with the coming of Father Rowland Nwokocha. The Diocese acknowledged the effort of Father Nwokocha when the Vicar General wrote: **"I had a lengthy and helpful phone conversation with Father Nwokocha this morning. He has been wonderfully successful in raising the annual Ordinary Income for this parish (from \$96,000 in 2017 to \$113,000 in 2018), much of which has come from his asking the visitors to be generous when they are in town. This is an essential element to understand what has transpired."**

Now St. Pius X's annual Ordinary Income has gone up. It automatically affected the Church's DDD levy and Parish Monthly Assessment. Both of them have been increased by the diocese.

It is important for us to know the Parish's financial status so that we can begin to work on how to raise money like other parishes in order to meet our financial obligations. The number of registered families have dropped from what it was ten (10) years ago to what it is now. Many have moved to other states. An update is very important.

Number of families who support the Church financially - Father Rowland spoke of various tourists who have given donations to St. Pius X. Father Rowland read some personal letters that he has received from such tourists. Fifty families are registered. Thirty-Six families support the Church financially. A suggestion was for Father Rowland to compose a list of the parishioners with their envelope numbers listed for everyone to review. All those who do not have an envelope could then add their name to this list.

What other means can we use to support our Church financially? (Fundraising) - Father Rowland stated that no parish ever depends on Ordinary Income for its total financial needs. What can the Council come up with in the form of a fundraiser?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to make sure that you are present at Mass on your assigned day. If other Eucharistic Ministers are at Mass, they may be asked to substitute for the missing person. If there are not any Eucharistic Ministers present, this means that we will only receive the Body of Christ.

FENCE PROJECT - There is not a timeframe for the fence.

BISHOP SOLIS VISIT IN OCTOBER

Mass at St. Joseph's in Monticello for people with disabilities. Date is October 20. Father Rowland would like a reception after Mass on October 20. On October 19, after Mass it was suggested to take the Bishop to Moab Grille for dinner.

FAITH COALITION SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Gift from St. Pius X - The Church contributed school supplies and back packs to the Multi-Cultural Center for the start of the new school year.

THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING SHOULD SEND FATHER ROWLAND AN EMAIL ONE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING (AUGUST 19). Father Rowland is still seeking to contact Theresa personally to see if she still wishes to be on the Council. Father Rowland read a letter written by Robert Tupek to formally remove him from the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Vendors for next year's Art Festival - Suggested that we charge the vendors for parking. Father Rowland is against the Art Festival usage of the parking lot based on previous experiences from the former Pastor and also Father Rowland's own experience. A discussion followed. One idea is that any organization who wishes to use the lot, present the Church with a contract and then it becomes a line-item for the Parish Council and/or the Parish Priest to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Feast Day of St. Pius X - Father spoke about how this is a special day for our parish.

Status of the new benches - Terry This will be better asked when Chris is at a meeting.

Status of the Catholic Mutual Group Insurance inspections - Terry The Church did not pass the inspection. The monies to pay for this inspection came from the Parish assessment money. There are electrical boxes that need to be updated.

Serran's Satellite Club in Moab - Deb. Information about starting a Serran's Club at St. Pius was distributed given to us by Dorothy Mullinix. Do we or don't we wish to start this prayer confraternity which is dedicated to praying for priest vocations? The closest Serran's Club is in Denver.

CLOSING PRAYER BY FATHER ROWLAND

The next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 17, starting at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah I. Slechta, Secretary, Parish Council

