

**St. Pius X**  
**Parish Council Minutes #15**  
**December 17, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** Father Rowland Nwokocha, Marian DeLay, Terry Marsh, Jim McGann, Bob Meierdierks, Patrick Garcia, Deb Slechta. Absent: Chris Wilkowske

**REFLECTION:** The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-17 - the genealogy of Jesus. Father spoke about the struggle of obedience to the Church. Jesus brings very simple stories to us in order to draw us closer to God. Jesus helps us and says that we are His friend if we do what He commands us.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES:** Deb read the Minutes of Parish Council #14, August 20, 2019, Minutes for changes and/or approval. A motion was made for approval by Terry. Jim seconded the motion. All were "in favor."

1. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, DATED 12/31/19** - Father Rowland

It was noted that Expense 5201.00.10.400PADM, Intermountain Catholic Newspaper shows \$700 for YTD Actual. The Income Account for Intermountain Catholic Newspaper, 4060.00.10.110PADM reflects \$450. as the generated income for YTD Actual. The Church must pay the \$250 difference since this is an assessment from the Salt Lake Diocese.

St. Pius X Sewer and Water Bill - Father Rowland. The City of Moab has raised the amount owed for this bill to reflect 'irrigation of lawn.' The Moab ecumenical Sewer and Water Coalition is representing all of the various Moab churches with the City water bill hikes by speaking at the City Council meetings. Bob (who is St. Pius' representative for this Coalition) explained how the churches used to be billed only for sewage. Now the City added on water usage. A meeting was supposed to have taken place today, and Bob will give Father Rowland more information. Refer to Expense-General Operations 5383.00.10460GENOP Water, Sewer, Gas Current Month Actual of \$609.86, compared to \$280.54 reflected on June, 2019, Statement of Activities.

Question was raised as to why there are two (2) separate General Operations Accounts for 'gas': 5381.00.10.460GENOP Gas and also 5386.00.10.460GENOP Water, Sewer, Gas. Father Rowland stated that he would speak to Kathy J., who comes from the Catholic Church in Price, to make sure that she is using the correct Diocesan system for bookkeeping. After reviewing the Statement of Activities, dated December 31, 2019, Marian made a motion for approval. Terry seconded the motion. All were "in favor."

2. **\$4,000 GRANT RECEIVED** - Father Rowland

A Fund request has been received for the Fence Project from Blessed Trinity Catholic Church which is located in Frankenmuth, Michigan. The amount is \$4,000.

3. **FENCE PROJECT** - Father Rowland

a. **First Phase:** Completed;

b. **Second Phase:** Set for next year, 2020. Jim stated that a new bid should be ready by the next Parish Council meeting.

4. **MAJOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS** - Bob Meierdierks

As requested by the insurance company (Catholic Mutual). Bob stated that 3 breaker boxes will be needed. Bid from a Price, UT, Electrician amounted to \$3,500. Patrick said that he has not yet received a bid from Theresa Rutter's husband to install a new breaker box for the outside of Sacred Heart Church in La Sal.

5. **WINTER PERIOD** - Father Rowland

a. **Boiler:** An inspector came last week and told Fr. Rowland that the boiler 'is good.' Suggestion was made to look for costs to change the motor for the pump. Jim and Bob will look into this.

b. **Snow Removal Person:** Parishioners are volunteering. Fr. Rowland would like to know if there is someone in the community who does this.

c. **Drafty Windows:** Jim fixed all the windows in Church so they are no longer drafty.

6. **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** - Father Rowland

Terry repaired and painted the Nativity set. Terry also constructed new storage boxes for each statue. This will be ready for display next week when the Church gets decorated for Christmas.

7. **FATHER ROWLAND'S 50TH BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 4, 2020** A discussion took place about different celebratory options.

8. **Diocesan Pastoral Plan Update** - Father Rowland attended a meeting which was held in Price. Topic was "How do we help the Church grow in our specific (St. Pius X) faith community?" It is all about faith formation. Eucharistic Adoration will be started in every parish for 2020. This will start for St. Pius X in October.

9. **SCAP DISCUSSION** - Father Rowland reiterated the importance of not allowing another priest or deacon serve Mass if there is not a formal letter from both of the respective dioceses. Remember to always be mindful of who has not consumed the sacred Host. This is a parish responsibility and not just a Lay Leader of Prayer's responsibility. Fr. Rowland would like the Ushers, specifically, to be extremely attentive to this while Holy Communion is being given, not only during SCAPs, but also at every Mass.

**CLOSING PRAYER BY FATHER ROWLAND**

**The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah I. Slechta  
Secretary, Parish Council