

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025

Present: Donnell Adler, Giuseppina Alabastro, Dick Kilmartin, Fr. John Loncle, Ted Malone, Jonathan Maurer, Mary Pinsky, Tim Smilnak, David Stewart, Amy Voelkl, Kathleen Whelehan

Absent: Shirley Cirillo, Jim Holleran, Mario Montalbo, Eileen Scardino, Ed Schmitt

Opening Prayer offered by Donnell Adler

Agenda Topic: Approval of Minutes		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Minutes were reviewed.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Moved by Ted Malone, seconded by Mary Pinsky.	Minutes unanimously approved	None
Agenda Topic: Chair Update – Discernment		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Amy thanked the Council members who attended the Discernment meeting. The new and returning members are • Kathleen Whelehan – Blessed Sacrament, returning for a second term • Mike Mongeon – St. Boniface • Nance Goyette-Duncan – St. Mary’s		
The June meeting will include the incoming and outgoing Council members and the election of officers.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		
Agenda Topic: Chair Update – June Meeting		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: The June meeting is rescheduled to Monday, June 9 th and will be held in the Dugan Center at St. Mary’s. Dinner will be served. Council agreed to start the meeting at 6:00 pm to accommodate dinner.		
At the request of the Chair, Donnell agreed to lead an ice breaker for the current, incoming and outgoing Council members.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		

Agenda Topic: Pastor Updates – Diocesan Bankruptcy/Reorganization		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John updated Council on the Diocesan bankruptcy and reorganization. It is hoped to have a resolution by July/August.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		None
Agenda Topic: Pastor/Chair Updates – City Parish Planning		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John reported that the recent meeting went well. The group will be meeting again on June 10 th . The work being done is very preliminary at this point. The group hopes to bring in others from the parishes, including staff.		
Recommendation	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		Report at the next Council meeting.
Agenda Topic: Pastor/Chair Updates – Financial Challenges		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John shared a financial update on the parishes and discussion followed regarding financial challenges and ways to encourage giving.		
Recommendation	Actions	Follow Up
Information and Discussion		Report at the next Council meeting.
Agenda Topic: Campus Review Teams – Facilities		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: The Facilities team had no update, but there was discussion around expense, income, rental income, etc.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Start working on a communication plan for the parishes.	Share spreadsheet with Council	Continue work over the summer.
Agenda Topic: Campus Review Teams – Space Use		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Amy reported that she and Jim have not caught up to review the space use spreadsheet. She referred to a Ministries survey from 2023. The survey was completed by the staff liaisons to the various ministries. Amy will share those results with Council. Discussion followed regarding various locations for the different ministries – particularly faith formation. Fr. John commented that Katie Amann will be taking the Catechists on a tour of possible new locations at Blessed Sacrament for when Innova takes over all of third floor in fall of 2026.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Review 2023 Ministries Survey results	Amy to send to Council	Discuss at June meeting.

Agenda Topic: Growing Our Parish		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: No update at this time.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Agenda Topic: Next Steps		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Consider making a presentation to parish - set the tone for challenges ahead Present to the Finance Committee to get their thoughts on the assumptions on the Facilities spreadsheet. How we think about the future? 1. Closure? 2. Discerned decision? 3. Develop and share a vision The Diocese is holding a presentation on the recent Parish Census. Tyler will be attending. Strategies 1. How do we address homilies/hymns/hospitality to grow parish? 2. Re-engage lapsed parishioners		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
		Revisit at June meeting.

Closing Prayer – Donnell Adler

Next Meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025 – St. Mary's Dugan Center, 6:00 pm

Prayers – Mary Pinsky