

## **St. Pius X Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

### **April 27, 2022**

**Attending:** Father Ranges, Deacon Scilla, John McMahon, Emma Goff, Kevin Walker, Katharin Brink, Collin Frisbie, Sid Harmon, Erik Rambusch, Francesca Anelli Badillo, George May

**Unable to attend:** Amir Sheydak

*Meeting convened at 7:32*

Father Ranges opened the meeting with a prayer.

We welcomed Francesca Anelli Badillo to the board. Francesca and her husband have two young children and have attended Holy Family, St. Lawrence and now are parishioners at St. Pius X. Francesca led the Prayer Chain activity for children (and adults) during Lent. We are excited to have her on board and she is joining the Liturgy Committee.

Our new Parish Council coordinator, Kevin Walker, thanked the board for their confidence in his role as coordinator, reminding us that Father is the President of the Council. He advised the council members that he and Kathy Brink, new secretary of the Council and Deacon Gerry will meet with Father on occasion to consider upcoming agenda items. All Council members are, of course, welcome to present items for the agenda.

**Review and Approval of Minutes of 3/23/22 Meeting.** Erik made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and Sid seconded. All approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Note:** All committee reports should be posted to our Google Docs Folder where all council members can review them in advance of meetings. [Parish Council Google Docs Folder](#)

#### **Faith Formation** (John McMahon and Emma Goff)

- There will be no Vacation Bible School due to lack of interest. Families have an option to send children to the local *Totus Tuus* program. There was a survey to families for preferences for a full or half day program, but there was equal interest in both options, yet registrations did not come in.
- There was discussion about the declining enrollment in the Religious Education (RE) program. There was a positive response from families who just completed the Family RE program.
- There is also a problem of finding catechists when considering scheduling of classes.
- First Communion is May 8 (HF) and May 15 (SPX).
- There were 4 participants in RICA who received Easter sacraments.
- Serve Our Neighbor Day is May 15.

#### **Essex Eats Out (EEO)**

Essex Eats Out will be resumed at Holy Family on the first Friday of each month. The couples who managed the EEO before it was suspended because of the pandemic, decided to do Community Dinners for parish members instead of resuming EEO. Their focus is on bringing folks in the parish together. There was considerable discussion of the purposes of each of these type events, e.g., parish member engagement, serving the needy, homebound, community outreach, and those socially or food deprived.

Kathy made a motion to:

Encourage members of SPX to build a team to support the HF-SL Essex Eats Out (and change it to ECC Eats Out) to support the event as well as learn how the operation is managed while allowing the SPX Community Dinners to get up and running without competing with an Essex Eats Out at SPX. In six months, the Council will review the progress of the new Community Dinners and ECC Essex Eats Out to

consider if changes are needed, e.g., add a second ECC Essex Eats Out or, perhaps open the Community Dinners to the public.

Erik seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

It is understood that we need to earnestly work to recruit the SPX Essex Eats Out team. Sid and John are going to follow up to discuss the team issue.

### **Liturgy Committee**

- Deacon Gerry will be recruiting more altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and providing formal training beginning in May with altar servers.
- Season 2 of The CHOSEN programs will resume in the Fall.
- Deacon suggested we consider making calls to folks encouraging more parishioners to return to Mass. We need to work on the accuracy of our lists and determine who should be receiving the calls.
- Erik remarked that all the Holy Week services were excellent.
- Collin reported that he had found the online AMEN programs advertised on Easter were quite good and inspiring.
- A draft of the Listening Sessions Summary is complete and was sent to Father and Deacon for review. The Council was interested in the summary which will be forwarded to them.
- Erik advised that he is working with the Knights of Columbus for the Memorial Day Mass Monday, May 30 at 8:30 am at Holy Family Cemetery, weather permitting, if not, in the Church.

### **Social Action Committee**

- Kevin referred the council to his report and indicated that there were a few statistics that needed to be updated in the report which he will complete.
- **Parish Picnic**  
The Tatro's are willing to organize our annual summer picnic. Georgie and Dave Riley selected August 13 for the date. It was pointed out that August 13 is the usual date for the Pig Roast because it is the weekend after the feast of St. Lawrence. Kevin will contact Dave Robideau, coordinator of the HF-SL Parish Council, to discuss the annual scheduling of these events.
- \$2700 was raised from the Italian Dinner and Soup Take-Out to benefit Catholic Relief Services.

### **Preparing For Emma's Move**

Considering the importance of social media for the parish, Kevin asked Emma to describe all her tasks, outside of RE. Council members expressed their concern about the position not being filled and how we will continue to manage a vibrant parish without support for activities and events. Father will take this under consideration.

### **Announcements from Father Ranges**

- His 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination is on June 11. Father David Cray, an Edmundite ordained with Father, will be honored as well. Bishop Coyne will preside. At the 4:00 pm Mass. A dinner will follow, and all parishioners are invited. RSVPs required.
- May 21 is the ordination of Deacon Greg Caldwell at St Joseph's Cathedral at 10:00 am. A reception will follow by invitation only. Father has some extra invitations.
- A member of the parish council must serve on the Finance Council. Please consider that assignment.

Deacon Gerry concluded the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:05*

Respectfully submitted,  
Katharin Brink, Secretary

| Meeting Date | Action Item  | Assigned To            | Due Date | Status      |
|--------------|--|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| 4/27/22      | Recruit SPX EEO volunteers for HF EEO  | PC                     | 7/1/22   | In Progress |
|              | Kevin contact Dave Robideau re: Summer event scheduling - <i>added to May Joint Mtg agenda</i> | Kevin                  | 6/15/22  | Ongoing     |
|              | RCIA participant Sue Kurek interested in Social Action   | Kevin                  | 6/15/22  | Pending     |
|              | Recruit additional board member  | PC                     | Ongoing  | Ongoing     |
|              | Follow up on call lists reliability  | Deacon                 | 6/15/22  | Pending     |
|              | Memorial Day Mass preparation  | Erik                   | 5/29/22  | In Progress |
|              | Assess and determine support for Emma's duties   | Father Charlie & staff | 6/15/22  | In Progress |
|              | Need PC member to serve on Finance Committee   | PC                     | 6/15/22  | In Progress |
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