

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30pm, Parlor

Attending: Jim Dropinski (President/School Advisory), Wayne Pierson (Vice President/Knights of Columbus), Tom Casteel (Maintenance), Sue Wood (Outreach), Russ Schuster (At Large Member), Jennie Jordan (PTO), Father Albert (Pastor),

Not in Attendance: Diana Spire (Finance), Angela Byers (Business Manager), Annie Parra (Principal)

Meeting start time 6:33pm

- **Council Meeting Roles**

- Timekeeper – Russ Schuster
- Gatekeeper – Wayne Pierson

- **Opening Prayer — Gospel Reading – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter; John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

- Discussion of Gospel reading by all present.

- **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

- Motion to approve (W. Pierson), Second (S. Wood); All voted in favor to approve April Meeting Minutes.

- **Representation Reports**

- Finance Committee - Diana Spire – Not in attendance, reported in advance
  - No finance committee meeting since the last Pastoral Council meeting, no new information.
- Knights of Columbus - Wayne Pierson
  - The scholarship committee chose two winners: Simon Murray & Ryesen Stiens; Both students won \$750 scholarships. A Steak Fry was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> for the May meeting.
  - The PAT Van program continues to do well, saving individuals in the community who require that service hundreds of dollars for each trip; the Council makes a couple hundred dollars per month, but the importance of the program is the service to the community.
  - The Knights donated to the following organizations or events in our community: Women's Retreat at the Abbey; Ministry Center; St. Gregory's youth for Camp Savio; Cameron Veterans Home; a donation to the Church for the additional electrical usage during the Fish Fry.
  - Three Council Members went through the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremony: Dick VanVactor, Mark Parra, and Alex Rice; congratulations!
- Maintenance - Tom Casteel
  - The Church's speaker system was checked after the issue during Easter when there was no sound in the Parish Hall. Found an amp was bad. The amp was replaced, system tested found OK.
  - Committee is going over new building plans with architects.
  - Fr Albert: Live streaming has stopped working this week. Tom Spire is checking the system to understand the problem and fix it. May need to call somebody to work on it, local businesses suggested.
- Outreach - Sue Wood
  - No meeting since last Pastoral Council meeting; status update next meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
  - May social Sunday canceled due to conflicts with HS graduation.
  - The June Social Sunday is the Parish Picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm; all Outreach members urged to come and help.
  - Lent small faith groups went well, thank you to all leaders.
  - CCO is going well with 18 potential leaders; the goal is to be ready to offer to the Parish in 2026.
  - Michelle Starke is forming a group for a book study starting May 27<sup>th</sup>; the book is Mindful Catholic.
  - Looking for another speaker after Joe Heschmeyer went well; looking for ideas.
  - Many books were left over from Easter; donated to Fr. Karl.
  - Women's Welcome Retreat is June 6-8. Over 40 have registered.
  - Men's Welcome Retreat is looking for a new leader and may take a year off.
- PTO - Jenni Jordan
  - Wrapping up the year, PTO sponsored field trips, teacher appreciation week, teacher luncheon and perks for teachers.
  - Rummage sale is up next with drop off next week with the sale in two weeks.
  - Working on budget for school year in June.
  - Golf tournament is coming up next in August.
  - Russ: PTO donated \$200 in gift cards for bingo prizes at the Parish Picnic; thank you!
- School Advisory - Jim Dropinski

- Staff is full for next year; a paraprofessional teacher was hired for the Preschool; 4 new SACC teachers were hired for August and 1 hired for January to replace a December graduate; Tom Spire working on hiring 2 custodians.
  - PTO is paying for all students to have access to the Hallow app on electronic devices. Hallow is a Catholic faith study app with a lot of good content. This will start a 4-year contract to have access for the app. No plans for use in curriculum, but encouraging students to use in free time or at home.
  - Three applicants were received for the three openings on School Advisory Board. Jacquie Conn, Jordan Hall, and Patty Wilmes will start 3-year terms in June.
- **Parish Projects - Discussion** (15 minutes)
    - Building Committee update –
      - Meeting held with architects to go over building plan, added some suggestions to the diagrams provided by the architects. The process now is to refine the plan. Change orders during construction are expensive, so trying to make it set prior to construction through this process. A lot of the details for the plan are now being discussed.
      - Construction manager joined the meeting to understand the plan and start working with subcontractors to prepare estimates.
      - Drawings reviewed include both projects for the school and the church, although both projects will start construction at different times.
      - Good representation and support from the architectural firm.
      - Surveying starts on Monday, 5/19.
    - Capital Campaign update –
      - Committee working to issue a survey on the campaign. The survey will inform the project status to the Parish, explain the needed pledges, and is intended to gather input from the Parish about the perception of the Campaign.
      - A newsletter will also be going out to the Parish to communicate the Campaign status.
      - Planning to have a table at the Parish picnic to answer any questions.
      - Continue to communicate through various means throughout the year. Looking to get feedback from survey, picnic, and newsletter, then decide how to communicate the Campaign status and needs going forward.
  - **Old Business** (10 minutes)
    - The speaker system was not working in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Hall for Easter Services and some people left at the 8 AM Easter Services. In addition, the portable sound enhancers for those hard of hearing are an issue as there is a delay between what you hear on the device and what is heard without the device. Finally, the entire sound system possibly needs to be updated.
      - Sound system issue affecting the Gathering space and Parish Hall has been repaired, as described previously in the Maintenance report.
      - Suggested it is best to test the system in the future prior to large crowds for Christmas or Easter.
    - Pastoral Council meeting schedule for this summer due to some committees not meeting.
      - Plan to meet in June, off in July, resume meetings in August.
  - **New Business** (5 minutes)
    - No new business.
  - **Upcoming Events** (2 minutes)
    - May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – PTO Rummage Sale
    - June 1<sup>st</sup> – Parish Picnic
    - June 6-8<sup>th</sup> – Women's Retreat
    - August 30<sup>th</sup> – PTO Golf Tournament
  - **Next Meeting Date**
    - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month) – Parlor
  - **Closing Prayer:** Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-10 (The New American Bible – Saint Joseph Edition)

Meeting end time 7:25pm