

Parish Council Meeting

January 23, 2023

Attendees: Monsignor Marcaccio, Dennis Bowie, Doug Faison, Patricia Gillespie, LaRonna Harris, Tyler Helms, Christy Holmes, Dan Jones, Georgianna Penn, Clifford Thompson, Bill Tyminski.

Guests: Lindsay Sartorio

Meeting started at 6:30 with prayer and call to order.

Patricia reviewed the previous meeting minutes; approved with no changes with motion offered by Georgianna and seconded by Dennis.

Old Business:

Lindsay Sartorio provided an update on the Faith Formation activities:

See the detailed handout attached to this document for details. The overall goal is improved communication with the parish to help understand the opportunities available.

There is an Apologetics weekend planned soon. As soon as the details are finalized, it will be published in the bulletin and on the Parish website.

The online training system for Faith Formation leaders is somewhat incomplete and does not meet the entire needs specific to Saint Pius X. Lindsay is looking into the best practices for supplementing the training.

Training for people with special needs is needed from a teaching and student perspective. Lindsay will be reaching out to other parishes to see how this is being accomplished.

Lindsay reinforced that Matt Lopina is doing a wonderful job connecting with the people.

New Business:

We discussed possibly needing an update to the goal sheets. Based on the results of items completed and those items in progress, goals may change due to what has become apparent.

People are asking: "Where should we go for..." The answer is best found initially in which of the four segments does the request appear to fall? (Faith Formation and Evangelization; Finance and Administration; Parish and Community Life; or Music and Liturgy) Those are the best places to start.

We need consistent Branding in these efforts.

Catholic Schools week is coming. St Pius X is looking to improve the endowment for tuition assistance. There will be fundraisers for this and general needs of the school.

Question was asked about the specifics of the food drive, how many pounds of food were actually provided? While general numbers were published in Echoes, specific numbers were not presented. The total was over 53,000 pounds of food.

Pastor Report:

There is a new statue in the circle in front of the DeJoy Education Center.

The planter next to the DeJoy Education center wall is dangerous due to the large drop-off.

The area surrounding the Church will undergo a lighting assessment to make sure it is more architecturally appropriate.

Options for re-working the athletic field adjacent to the Connolly gym are being investigated. Primary use is for a soccer field and possible track.

We welcome Francine Britto as the new Pastoral Associate for Music Ministry after a nationwide search.

Offertory is trending down, presumed to be primarily due to the increased cost of living. For the same reason, expenses are up.

Saint Pius X needs to evaluate and configure a rectory that can appropriately accommodate two Priests as there is a need for another at Saint Pius to share the parish needs.

Pray for the health of the Deacons and their families so they can return to the Masses.

We are evaluating with the goal of proper direction of our support of local charities. Support from Saint Pius X may be more locally impactful if focused differently.

Closing Comments:

Next meeting is February 27, 2023.

Motion to Adjourn was offered by Clifford, seconded by Dennis.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38PM

Attachment: Faith Formation Update Notes (Below)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Vision Statement

St. Pius the Tenth offers inclusive faith formation programs for all life stages of life, as well as for non-practicing Catholics and those returning to the faith. Our parishioners embrace the practice of life-long faith formation as a means to KNOW, LOVE, and SERVE the Lord.

Goals

By December 2021 – Concentrate efforts on opportunities for evangelization through new media, community activities and programs, and communication.

- **Weekly email newsletters**
- **More frequent social media postings on behalf of the parish**
- **New youth minister who has his own strategies of engaging our youth, more cross-involvement between parish and school programs, etc.**
- **Larger RCIA Groups – tried to expand to all learners, not successful in that format and revisioning for next fall.**

By December 2021 – Facilitate an on-site, parish-based catechist training program with breakout sessions for each level of faith formation and training in differentiated learning strategies for students with special needs.

- **In the process of working with the Catholic Education Center to figure out how to use my own certification to facilitate a series of in-person workshops here on campus, rather than direct our catechists and volunteers to the diocesan-based workshops (typically weeknights and weekends in other areas of the diocese) or online certification (which isn't set up effectively).**

By June 2022 – Coordinate with other ministries and plan for more “fun-raising” and formational events for parish families and the community.

- **Hoping to set up some family formational events about relevant societal issues today that our children and teens are facing.**
- **Possibly a family night at VBS (see below).**

By June 2022 – Revise our Vacation Bible School format to allow for an increase in participation, more meaningful activities, and a spotlight on stewardship.

- **Summer 2023 we are planning a different approach to VBS – possibly several evenings of programming throughout the summer, rather than a full week of daily activities. This would allow for more participation from youth who**

have day camps or things like swim practice, etc. It would be on a week-to-week or drop-in basis, and we'd have themed nights throughout the summer.

By December 2022 – Facilitate weekend retreats for youth and young adults, which focus on a stronger sense of community, spiritual maturity, and leadership.

By December 2022 – See a greater participation in young adult ministry by increasing outreach to post high-school graduates, college students, and young professionals.

By December 2022 – Begin a young families ministry with appropriate leadership, programming, and support options.