

01/22/2025

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:36PM, 01/22/2025
St. Mary Parish Hall

1. Attendance

A. Parish Pastoral Council: Father Ongen, Chriss Miller, JoAnne Burgardt, Michael McCarrier, Kerry Holmes, Drew Fedorich, Allen Kriskowski, Tory Bishop

B. Absent and excused: Leah Noel, Rick Hallenback, JoAnn Farabaugh

C. Committee chair members: Julie Francis, Mike Bibbo, Paul Fletcher, Chris Francis, Pam Garcia, Whitney Lothamer, Geralyn Byrne

2. Minutes

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:36PM with an opening prayer by Father Ongen.

B. Old Business

- **Photos of Parish Council Members:**
-still considering displaying on Website and in Parish Hall
- **Widows and Widowers Ministry:**
-Pam Garcia has spearheaded dinners Dec 2023, Jan 2024, Dec 2024; consider under Parish Life; consider quarterly events; socials other than just a meal; Ed Collum used to lead this Ministry
- **Mike Bibbo Building/Grounds-Accomplishments:**
-Parish Hall renovation was successful: upstairs was painted, livestream is working, new chairs bought, old chairs sold, church painted, fans in loft, AC units have been replaced
- **Mike Bibbo Finance Leader:**
- -building new church, process includes: Dioceses has to approve; approximately 3million dollar cost; 1/3rd of money needs to be in the bank prior to build; has to have city sewage and water; location cannot pull parishioners from another Catholic Church

C. New Business

- **Mike Bibbo Building/Grounds-Upgrades Needed:**
- -replace lights in Hall, Sanctuary floor repair, new pews (current pews seat 204), organ to be sold, exterior security video, pole lights replaced (Spring 2025), new gutters, replace lights in sanctuary to highlight altar better, replace Live Stream cameras (12-18 people watch Mass livestream), new air flow for loft, no-skid on ramp leading to Social Hall, Parish Office floor repair, fix Rectory post lamp, fix heat in Rectory, Capital Campaign for stained glass (replacement cost: \$450,000\resetting solder cost: \$77,000), fix kitchen sink, upgrade plumbing, shed for Knights
- **Mike Bibbo Finance Update:**
-we have \$375,000 in bank, monthly expenses are < income; finance report coming March 2025 from Ambo

- **Chriss Miller Interim PPC Chair-Parish Council Elections:**

- we need 11 members on Parish Council (3 for Executive Committee and 8 active members)
- requirements are as follow: have to be active church member, 3 year terms and may serve 2 consecutive terms, current members begin new term day 1 of Father Ongen's coming to St. Mary's

Nomination for "8th" PPC member-at-large: Shari Fenneman (nominated by Tillie Rivenbark prior to this meeting, and suggestion brought forward by Chriss Miller); Father Ongen will be approaching her to confirm her joining

- Nominations for Chair of Parish Council: Kerry Holmes, Mike McCarrier, JoAnne Burgardt, and JoAnn Farabaugh; Kerry, Mike, and JoAnne B. all declined: Father Ongen will be approaching JoAnn Farabaugh for PPC Chair

- Nomination for Co-Chair of Parish Council: Chriss Miller, she accepted this responsibility

- Nomination for Secretary of Parish Council: Tory Bishop, she accepted this responsibility

D. Open Mic:

- **Whitney Lothamer:** Respect Life Ministry will be on the bus with members from St. Jude to Pro-Life Rally in Washington DC Friday, January 24th, 2025: there are 100 seats; 30 are signed up, more may come; a volunteer professional photographer will be taking pictures; photo release forms will be taken; bus will leave at 6:30 AM Jan 24th, 2025; leave cars behind Chick-fil-A restaurant
- **Whitney Lothamer:** Respect Life committee meetings are 2nd Wednesday of every month; need fund raising ideas; 2026 Pro-Life March in Washington DC to have matching hats/scarves for participating members
- **Paul Fletcher:** keep new families informed of Parish Council ongoing
- **Pam Garcia:** some parishioners are wanting printed bulletin back with more information
- **Pam Garcia:** fundraiser idea is a Cookbook; last one was 1997; softcover cost \$4.55 for 100 copies; hardback cost is \$5.40 for 200; suggested cost is \$13 per cookbook; Pam will attend next Woman's Club meeting February 19th, 2025 at 7PM to make a proposal for cookbook fundraiser through Women's Club
- **Chris Francis:** can we afford the more extensive bulletin?
- **Kerry Holmes:** we need a dedicated media person; communication could be better

E. Father's Floor:

- -reiterated when PCC terms begin: at beginning of new Priest's coming to parish
- Father will be approaching JoAnn Farabaugh to be Chair for PPC
- goal of PPC Chair is to make sure all committees are working as a team, give motivation to committees, and build cohesion between PPC and each committee
- recommended all Committee Chairs should attend PPC meetings

3. Next meeting is on February 26th, 2025 at 6:30.

4. Ended meeting at 8:11PM with closing prayer by Father Ongen.

5. These minutes are approved by the Council Chair and attested to by the Council Secretary.

Chriss Miller

Chriss Miller, interim-chair

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Tory Bishop

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Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council