

St. Martin Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 20, 2022

In Attendance: Father Doke; Council members Larry Lehman, Mariam Kuensting, Anne Rackers, Tom Draper, Joel Schroer, Kathy Jarman, Jennifer Fife, and Julie Erwin; and Deacons Steve Kliethermes and Francis Butel

Not in attendance: Council members Kristina McMichael-Schwant and Joe Pestka and School Principal Julie Clingman

An Opening Prayer was led by Father Doke.

Minutes from the March 16, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting were approved as corrected for one small spelling edit.

The Pastoral Council bylaws were still being reviewed for possible revisions. An updated draft of the bylaws would be sent out for Council review when ready.

The parish picnic was set for Sunday, July 10, 2022. The picnic committee heads and others interested in helping were scheduled to meet again on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30pm, to discuss where to serve food, whether in the cafeteria or the gymnasium; where to have the quilt auction; and other logistical questions.

Father Doke again suggested the Council decide now whether or not to have a fall dinner, rather than wait until after the picnic to decide. After some discussion, the question was tabled until the next meeting.

Father Doke suggested the parish consider purchasing at least two new friers to upgrade the fry shack equipment and speed up fry times. Father advised there was money available for the purchase. Meeting participants agreed with the suggestion, and Father agreed to lead a search for the new friers. Father hoped to have the new friers in place before the parish picnic.

Father Doke again suggested the parish host a smaller, "parish function" to build community either in the early fall, possibly on a Sunday afternoon, or sometime in the January/February timeframe. A discussion offered up some ideas for an event that included a washer and pickle ball tournament, card tournament, or bingo night and for each event, bar food. The event would not be advertised to the public, but individuals outside the parish could attend. Nothing was decided, and the question was tabled until the next meeting.

Father Doke advised the parish Safe Environment Coordinator needed to be an employee. Father would select a Safe Environment Coordinator and possibly a volunteer Assistant Coordinator.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance Committee: (Father Doke) The budget was finalized for the next fiscal year. The new budget included an increase in the cathedraticum owed the diocese under the new stewardship model beginning July 1. The parish's operating income was budgeted at about \$1.8 million, and the cathedraticum, at ten percent of operating income (\$180,000) less certain, specific deductions, was

budgeted at about \$135,000. Parishes were allowed to deduct the proceeds from one event each year from their operating income used in the cathedraticum calculation. The parish's one deductible event this year would be the parish picnic. Further, interest earned on parish funds held in reserve with the diocese is deducted from the operating income used to calculate the cathedraticum. The parish's cathedraticum would be calculated and paid to the diocese monthly.

Social Concerns: (Bulletin) An individual from the Universal Church Directory was set to hold a planning meeting for volunteers on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6pm.

Worship and Spiritual Life: (Mariam Kuensting) The committee met the night before, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and discussed the recent Triduum. First Communion was scheduled for the next Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 1pm.

Principal/Home and School: (Father Doke) The teacher contracts for the next school year were received, and the teachers were in process of signing them.

Vocation Committee: (Deacon Butel) There was nothing new to report.

Pastor Report: (Father Doke) Father Doke and the Long Range Planning Committee met with Architects Alliance, the local architect firm that was contracted to develop plans for the remodeling and improvement of the parish facilities. The plans would include options to start a new church from scratch and to build onto the existing church. The meeting participants included Father Doke, Deacon Butel, Deacon Jones, Paul Samson, Kristina McMichael-Schwant, Julie Clingman, Ken Schaefer, Jon Woehrer, David Erwin, and Julie Erwin. The committee planned to meet with Architects Alliance again on Monday, May 9, 2022. After the meeting, Architects Alliance would make any adjustments to the plans covered in the meeting and in about six weeks, within the June-July timeframe, provide updated plans that could be shared with the parish. The plans would be presented to the parish in a town hall type meeting, and parishioners would be solicited for their feedback on the plans.

The next Pastoral Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Anne C. Rackers.

Approved By: *F. Doke* Pastor

Approved By: *Larry Lehman* President