

St. Martin Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 18, 2022

In Attendance: Father Doke; Council members Larry Lehman, Mariam Kuensting, Anne Rackers, Tom Draper, Joe Pestka, and Kathy Jarman; Deacon Francis Butel; and Barb Schmid

Not in attendance: Council members Joel Schroer, Kristina McMichael-Schwant, Jennifer Fife, and Julie Erwin and School Principal Julie Clingman

An Opening Prayer was led by Father Doke.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Pastoral Council Election: The service terms for council members Julie Erwin, Joel Schroer, and Jennifer Fife will end this fiscal year. In addition, the Council was not at full membership. The next election of council members will be held to fill four (4) positions. The election for council members was set for the third weekend in June.

Father asked current council members to forward to him the name of parishioners who should be considered for the Pastoral Council and that a notice for volunteers interested in serving on the Pastoral Council be posted in the bulletin. The names and biographies of those gathered from this process will be either published in the bulletin and/or posted in the vestibule for parishioners' consideration in the election. The names and biographies will be available the weekend prior to the election.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the April 20, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Bylaws Update: The Pastoral Council bylaws had not yet been reviewed for possible revisions. An updated draft of the bylaws will be sent out for Council review when ready.

Parish Picnic: (Mariam Kuensting) The parish picnic was set for Sunday, July 10, 2022. All picnic committee chairs and others interested in helping were scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Meals will be served in two (2) lines in the gymnasium, cafeteria style, and takeout meals will also be handled out of the gymnasium. The quilts will be displayed in the gymnasium. Bingo will be held in the church basement.

Meals will be \$15/person and include beef, chicken, green beans, corn, applesauce, slaw, bread, and dessert. Dessert will include pie. Parishioners will be asked to contribute a dessert and a loaf of sliced homemade bread for the picnic.

Cost of plastics used in meals have increased thirty (30) percent from last year. The cost of beef and chicken have also significantly increased. Cost increases led to the increased meal charge.

Volunteer signups for the picnic will initially be available online only for a couple of weeks in May. May 27, 2022 will be the last day parishioners can sign up online to volunteer for the picnic. After May 27, parishioners may sign up to volunteer on sheets posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule.

Fall Festival: The Pastoral Council opted not to have a fall dinner this year.

Fry Shack Upgrades: Father Doke did not have anything new to report.

Parish Social: A discussion offered up some ideas for an event that included a bingo or trivia night with a Mardi Gras theme if held before Lent. The event could be held either in the late fall or in early February.

Safe Environment Coordinator: Father Doke was still working on the selection of a Safe Environment Coordinator. Parishioner Anne Hackman was trained to facilitate Virtus training and will provide this training in person to other parishioners.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance Council: (Father Doke) The budget was finished for the next fiscal year but the Finance Council didn't have quorum to vote on it. Father Doke will present the budget at the next Pastoral Council meeting.

Social Concerns: (Barb Schmid) The Committee didn't have anything planned until the fall unless it decided to hold a food drive sometime in the summer.

Signups for photographs for the church directory were going well. The parish had been promoting signups for about two and a half (2.5) weeks with notices in the bulletin and signups after masses. At this time, two hundred and nine (209) families were signed up for their photographs. The parish had four hundred and seventeen (417) families pictured in its last directory.

Principal Julie Clingman was gathering school related photographs to be included in the church directory. Parishioner Debbie Miller will be designing the directory.

Worship and Spiritual Life: (Mariam Kuensting) The Committee hadn't met again since April; it would meet next in the fall. The Triduum was well attended: the 7:30am Easter mass had about a hundred (100) people seated in the church basement.

Home and School: (Father Doke) School was now out. An email was sent out asking for volunteers to help move furniture out of six (6) classrooms on Thursday, May 26, at 5:30pm. The classroom floors will be stripped and waxed.

Four (4) teachers left the school at the end of the year, and three (3) of the positions have been filled already. The school was still looking for a teacher for pre-K students.

Vocation Committee: (Deacon Butel) Prayer cards were handed out at masses on Sunday, May 8, 2022. Letters with vocation pamphlets were sent to graduating seniors; plastic rosaries were provided to third graders; and prayer cards were sent to parents of some school age children. The Committee will start meeting in person with St. Martins students in the new school year.

Pastor Report: (Father Doke) Father Doke and the Long Range Planning Committee met with Architects Alliance in May. Architects Alliance was the local architect firm that was contracted to develop plans for the remodeling and improvement of the parish facilities. The Long Range Planning Committee was

