

St. Martin Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, June 21, 2023

In Attendance: Father Doke; Council members Mariam Kuensting, Anne Rackers, Kristina McMichael-Schwant, Joe Pestka, Kathy Jarman, Ann Schulte, Jennifer Benne, Linda Oligschlaeger, and Dwayne Clingman; Deacons Francis Butel and Steve Kliethermes; School Principal Julie Clingman; and Stewardship Chair Anne Hackman

Not in attendance: Council members Larry Lehman, Tom Draper, and Denise Brand

An Opening Prayer was led by Father Doke.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the May 17, 2023 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Pastoral Council Elections: Elections for Pastoral Council were not held as only two (2) individuals volunteered for the four (4) positions open. Kristina McMichael-Schwant and Chad Vocks were accepted to the council; McMichael-Schwant for a second three (3) year term and Vocks for a three (3) year term. The council will continue in the next fiscal year with ten (10) members.

Long-Range Planning: (Father Doke) The Long-Range Planning Committee was still working on phase 1 of the plan which included the church and its offices. The committee was leaning towards building a new church and using the old church as a parish hall versus renovating the old church. A renovation would still be costly and not fulfill all the parish's current needs much less future needs.

As part of phase 1, the rectory needs to be separated from the parish offices for many reasons. The current rectory does not provide adequate privacy for the pastor or office staff. The current rectory is also lacking basic living areas that a normal home would have, like a living room and an adequate dining area. A new rectory could be built on the property east of the tennis courts and could be fully funded from funds already in hand. The current rectory could then be used for additional office and meeting space. Once a plan has been decided on for the church and its offices, the plan including costs would be submitted to the bishop for approval. After the bishop's approval, a capital campaign would be conducted. There is no timeline for phase 1.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance Council: (Father Doke) Meeting participants were provided with a copy of the May 2023 Profit and Loss Statement. Net operating income was approximately \$50,000 for the month of May and almost \$135,000 for the year. The parish budgeted this fiscal year 2022-2023 at about break even (income vs. expenses) so this is very positive. Stewardship was working, and the proof was in the increased mass attendance and tithing.

The Finance Council was still working on the parish budgets at the time of the Pastoral Council meeting and was on schedule to have all the budgets done for the next fiscal year.

Social Concerns: (Father Doke) There was no report from the committee. Father advised the parish directory was getting bound; there was no estimate of when they might be delivered to the parish

Worship and Spiritual Life: (Mariam Kuensting) The committee won't meet again until the Fall

School: (Principal Julie Clingman) The school was still in need of a head cook for the next school year.

The school's Back to School Blast-off was scheduled for August 14, 2023. The first day of school was scheduled for August 17, 2023.

The sidelines in the school gymnasium were painted with "St. Martin" on the north end and "Jaguars" on the south end.

The school submitted a grant to resurface the playground with a poured rubber surface. The grant would be worth about \$38,000.

Enrollment was finishing up. Enrollment will be two hundred and ten (210) students in the next school year versus two hundred and fifteen (215) in the previous year. The eight grade was going to be small. The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes were full at twenty (20) students each.

The diocese was gifted the old Montessori preschool on Scott Station Road with all contents included. The school, newly named the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be for children from birth to three (3) years old, and firstly benefit Catholic School faculty at a reduced rate. The new school will start with twenty (20) openings and possibly grow to sixty (60).

Vocation Committee: (Deacon Francis Butel) There was no report from the committee.

Stewardship: (Anne Hackman) Donut Sundays were going very well. There were never any donuts left.

The lawn care/maintenance ministry was going well. The grounds look nice.

The Stewardship catalog and forms were being redone for the next stewardship year from October-October 2023-2024. The catalog and forms were being produced in-house this year. The Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR) weekend was set for October 14-15, 2023.

Pastor Report: (Father Doke) The parish was getting a new parish management software program that will help communications and scheduling with ministry members. The school will also be able to use the new software. Implementation, training, and support will be included in the software purchase.

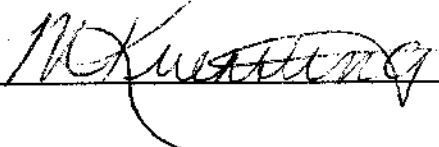
Pastoral Council Officer Elections: The following officers were elected to the council for the next fiscal year: Jennifer Benne - President; Mariam Kuensting - Vice President; and Kathy Jarman - Secretary.

The next Pastoral Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Anne C. Rackers.

Approved By:  Pastor

Approved By:  President