

St. Patrick Pastoral Council  
Minutes  
March 17, 2009

The meeting opened with Mass in the church and business meeting continued in Parish Hall.

Attendance: Fr. Larry King, Deacon Don Sobolewski, Bill Christian, Kris Bond, Geri Gross, Diane Huhn, Marvin Rajt, and Christine Rockey.

Excused Absence: Jim Fandel, and Sue Kreiner.

Unexcused Absence: John Bonter.

Minutes: February Minutes were approved as written.

Finance:

- Fr. Larry said collections are better than expected and we are holding our own.
- The white board has been installed in the Parish Hall.
- FFF agreed to financially assist St. Patrick School in freezing tuition for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of new budget presented to Finance Council.
- Finance Council is in discussion with George Rutherford chair of School Commission and Randy Hodge concerning definition of an active parishioner for school tuition rates and non parishioner tuition rates. It was suggested to contact other area parishes to see what they do concerning parishioner and non parishioner rates. Fr. Larry said Pastoral Council should form a Research Sub committee to handle this type of need.
- Nominations for New Members: Bill will contact George Rutherford to inform him of plan to use same nomination form as last year for both Pastoral Council and Education Commission. Form to be put in bulletin the weekend of April 18, 19, 2009 and available on church bulletin board for 1 week. Candidates will be selected on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the 4:30 pm. Mass.
- May 2009 All Group Meeting: The All Group meeting will be Wednesday May 27, 2009 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. The group reports will be reviewed at the regular May meeting May 19, 2009. Fr. Larry asked that a copy of the October All Group report be sent to each respective group. The Fall All Group meeting 2009 will be open to the parish to attend.

## Round Table:

- Bill Christian reported that the PEC (**Parish Enhancement Committee**) did not meet again in February. He will contact Dan Schrauben to see when the next meeting will be held. The survey questions have been decided upon.
- Christine Rockey stated Pastoral Council is waiting for the survey process to be completed so that the Council can continue on the long range vision. Pastoral Council has not reviewed the survey questions.
- Marvin Rajt asked how the Stewardship weekends were going. Deacon Don reported that Liturgy and Worship had good results.
- Church cleaning: How to make changes and if to make changes to church cleaning procedure is under review.

Weekend Communion Services: The priest Fr. Larry made arrangements with for the weekend forgot to write it on his schedule. He sent his sincere apologies.

In July 2009 new priest assignments will take affect. Fr. Larry will be staying at St. Patrick. For a list of changes see <[DioceseofGrandRapids.org](http://DioceseofGrandRapids.org)>

**The April 21, 2009 Pastoral Council meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. with Mass in the Church and the business meeting will follow in the Parish Hall.**

**Prayer leader will be Sue Kreiner.**