

St. Patrick Parish  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
May 19, 2009

The meeting opened with Mass in the church followed by the business meeting at the Parish Hall.

Attendance: Fr. Larry King, Bill Christian, Jim Fandel, Geri Gross, Sue Kreiner, Marvin Rajt, Christine Rockey.

Excused absence: Deacon Don Sobolewski, Kris Bond, Diane Huhn.

Unexcused absence: John Bonter

Prayer leader: Sue Kreiner

**Minutes:** March minutes were approved as written. There was no April 2009 meeting.

**Finance:** Budget is in works, has not been approved by Finance Council.

This year's budget is close but we should end year okay.

Hiring someone to clean church is still being discussed by parish administration.

**Parish Enhancement Committee (PEC):** The group has not met in 2 ½ months due to scheduling difficulties. Strategic Planning is on hold until Fall. The PEC must complete the parish survey and give it to the parish before planning can continue.

**Pastoral New Members:** Brian Pohl and Joyce Curns met with Bill Christian for more information and both agreed to have their name considered for Pastoral Council. Jessica Rockey and Delores Frazee were not able to attend the meeting but also agreed to have their name be considered for nomination. Sue Kreiner agreed at this meeting to leave her name in for nomination also.

Bill Christian will stay for one additional year to fulfill one of 2 unfilled positions that expire in June 2010. John Bonter will be asked to fill the remaining 2010 position.

New members and an alternate will be chosen with the direction of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost weekend at the Saturday, May 30, 2009 4:30 pm. Mass.

**All Group Meeting:**

The meeting is Wednesday May 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm. in the Parish Hall

**\*\* Pastoral Council members should arrive by 6:30 pm.\*\***

Do not forget your snacks.

Fr. Larry	chips	Bill	?
Sue	drinks	Geri	brownies
Jim	bologna, cheese and crackers	Marvin	chips
Christine	fruit		

Dates were set for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 All Group meetings;  
Fall 2009

The reports from the groups will be due by Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

The Pastoral Council will meet to review reports on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

The All Group meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Spring 2010

The reports from the groups will be due by Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

The Pastoral Council will meet to review reports on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

The All Group meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

### **All Group Reports for May 2009**

**All groups will be encouraged to use the form / format for reporting that the Pastoral Council handed out.**

School: No questions

Faith Formation: Format question. Also questions were asked concerning the expectations for Catechist Certification, deadlines and financial questions. (An email was sent to Tom asking for this information)

Youth Ministry: Questions were raised concerning Movie Night at Guine's apartment. Fr. Larry stated it is properly chaperoned and he approved of the activity. Space is available for Steubenville trip; Guine is opening these spots to other Parishes. A suggestion was made that this trip could possibly be held every other year instead of a yearly event. The need for a Youth Adult program and for the expansion from just summer or Christmas vacation activities was made.

Stewardship: Sue Kreiner mentioned Craig had made some updates to his original report, she suggested we ask Craig to send us the updates. (An email was sent to Craig making this request.)

A suggestion was made to include Culinary Angel volunteers as help with funeral dinners.

District leaders must reach out to all members in their District. Some leaders are reluctant to call people they do not know.

Greeters in church will now be called Hospitality, and the Hospitality volunteers will be called Welcoming and Social Committee.

Scrip: No questions.

Fr. Flohe Foundation: This year the foundation is donating money to the school to cover what would have been a tuition increase for families.

PTO: No questions

Athletic Association: Did St. Patrick consider joining the 8 on 8 football league for small schools? Will the CMAC allow this change?

Building and Grounds: The parking lot on the former Joe Tichvon property across from the church on Church St. will be completed this summer. The new lot will be combined with the current Parish Administration Building parking lot. There will be 1 driveway as an entrance and 1 as an exit.

Knights of Columbus: No Questions

Worker Benefit: Format question.

Liturgy and Worship: No report was submitted. Questions were asked concerning Usher's, Readers, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Communion Service leaders.

**Fr. Larry Comments**: Bishop Hurley is in the process of conducting Pastoral Planning – Visioning - for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He started with Catholic Schools and will be asking for input from Pastoral Councils in the diocese. He will be gathering information such as; how many Baptisms per parish, what to do about fewer priests and demographic makeup of parishes and regions. He will be meeting with Diocesan Priests in August and asking for Pastoral Council input in the Fall of 2009.

### **Round Table**:

Jim Fandel commented on Confirmation being held at Cathedral, he said it was very crowded and ushers were rude. Fr. Larry stated Confirmation is held at Cathedral at the Bishop's direction to give people a sense of the larger Church.

Bill Christian asked when Pastoral Council would appoint new chair. Fr. Larry asked Bill to chair the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in the Fall and at that meeting the Pastoral Council through

consensus will select a new chair and co-chair. Bill also asked if Deacon Don serves at the discretion of Fr. Larry or Bishop Hurley. Deacon Don serves as Pastoral Associate at St. Patrick at the discretion of Fr. Larry and as Deacon of St. Patrick at the discretion of Bishop Hurley.

Meeting closed with Irish song led by Sue Kreiner.  
John Bonter will be prayer leader for the May 27, 2009 meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP TERMS

2006-2009	2007-2010	2008-2011	ALTERNATE 2008-2009
Bill Christian	Jim Fandel	Kris Bond	Sue Kreiner
Diane Huhn	**Bill Christian	Geri Gross	
John Bonter (ALT) replacing Randy Pung	**John Bonter	Marvin Rajt	
Christine Rockey			

\*\*Appointed for 1 year to fill vacancy

## PRAYER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2009	Jim Fandel	FEBRUARY 2010	
OCTOBER 2009	Kris Bond	MARCH 2010	Deacon Don
ALL GROUP OCT 2009	Deacon Don	APRIL 2010	Sue Kreiner
NOVEMBER 2009	Geri Gross	MAY 2010	
DECEMBER 2009	Marvin Rajt	<u>ALL GROUP MAY 2009</u>	<u>John Bonter</u>
JANUARY 2010		AUGUST 2009	Fr. Larry

-Schedules updated 5/09