

Pastoral Council

Saint Augustine Church, Seymour CT

Meeting in Saint Monica’s Hall

Monday May 23 @ 7:00p



Agenda

Joan, President called to order at 7:02 pm.

Scripture & Prayer– Father Forsyth

“So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.” (Acts 1:23-26)

Review and Approval of meeting of February 22, 2016. Minutes were approved by AI, 2nd by Joyce.

Meetings: Four regular meeting dates and times per year: Fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm
2016: February 22, May 23, September 26, November 28.

Staff (Ex-Officio)	Committee Chairs	Officers	Finance Council
Father Forsyth	Joyce Bulinski	Chairperson Joan Kayser	Father Forsyth
Deacon DiRienzo	Lucy McConologue	Vice Chair Tom Hill	Mike Vignola
Alese Kummer	Joe Rogalis	Secretary Wendy Rossi	Bob Bulinski
Sam Marquez	Steve & Patricia Wiesniak		Bill Burns
Mark Silva	John Fanotto		Linda Wityak
Mike Walter	Elaine Brandon		Louis Zaccaro
Denny McNamara	Carol Soisson		Alese Kummer
	Irene DeGeorge		Tom Cigas
	Peggy Forest		Ruth Majoros
	Bill Wilkin		

Pastor’s Report

√ Review of the PC Constitution & By-Laws. Fr. would like to form an Ad Hoc committee for comparing constitution with Archdiocese, other parishes might be different, 4 or 5 volunteers can all meet and discuss. Fr. reviewed and re-typed the bi-laws for the Pastoral Council. Fr. asked for Ad Hoc committee volunteers, Tom Hill said he would volunteer. Highlight areas of concern for the next meeting either next month or September.

√ Discussion of how we “elect” or select” new members of the Pastoral Council, we are free to elect/select how we see fit. Reviewed the members list. Fr. would like to have people nominate themselves. Name in a box, then pick the names out of the box. We will need 7 members. Fr. Mentioned that you can’t be on both the Finance Council and Pastoral Council at the same time. They are not allowed to vote. Reviewed structures of other churches in the area of how it is run.

The Finance and Pastoral Council are separate and do not influence each other. Fr. reviewed lists of other committee members. Fr. mentioned Archdiocese takes into consideration: One high school in town, therefore, one church in town. Fr. may take over both churches depending on the priest at Good Shepard. The Fr. Kombo situation is still unknown. Statue of the Sacred Heart looks better, may not need repair. CCD enrollment to be tracked. All of the baptisms in the parish will be getting a letter to join religious education when they turn of age.

Council Committee Report:

Finance Committee: Mike Vignola reports. Meet to review Budget performance 1st Quarter, Income Revenue is running \$9K Favorable to Budget, Expenses are running \$4K more than Budget, Total Deficit \$-26,773 compared to Budget of \$-31,823. Pact signature not approved by Archdiocese for a second signature on withdrawals. Finance Council Chairperson will receive an email of the quarterly statement as an independent control in monitoring account. Bill mentioned that churches have an option to make an offertory online. Mike looked into it and Fr. Mentioned that it did not have a good outcome at his previous church and there is a cost to this of about 3-4%. It works well in large parishes and with young parishioners.

Business Manager: Alese Kummer reports. We have been able to keep up with our monthly bill payments. Hopefully the offertory will not drop drastically during the summer months so that we slip backwards in our paying of bills. The unpaid bill report appears to be very large only because we have not paid our Cathedralricum and School Taxes to Hartford due to the situation with Father Kombo. Our oil usage for the 2015-16 heating season was down significantly therefore we have no more budget payments to Hoffmann Oil until we sign a new contract.

Building & Grounds: Alese Kummer reports. We have had the rectory and Parish Center power washed and the front doors of the church re-stained at no cost to the parish thanks to Chris Faliconi of Faliconi Painting. He will give us a quote to have gutters on the church and the rectory cleaned. We also have had "Total Chimney Care" from Milford clean the church and rectory chimneys before major work is done. Both chimneys will need a liner before any work is done. The parish center chimney cleaning and work will follow as money allows. Mike has finished laying a new cement floor over the original dirt floor in the basement of the parish center. He has enlarged the apron area on the east end of the Bocce courts and is doing minor landscaping in this area.

Cemetery: Alese Kummer reports for Denny McNamara, new Cemetery Director. He is very familiar with the layout of the cemetery as he is the person that digs the graves and has worked hand in hand with Art for many years.

Bocce: Mike Vignola: Games have begun on Wednesday night with a rain date of Thursday. The fee has been reduced to \$25 and the banquet at season end will be a Pot Luck supper. The Pizza party will be sometime during the mid-season. Currently there are 4 teams with 7 players. A special Thanks to Mike Walter for his efforts in upgrading the courts.

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Men's Club: Bill Wilkin reports: Pasta Dinner, Friday, April 15 – Colonial Tavern in Oxford, Income: adults-\$2114, children \$100, 50/50 raffle \$255, total income \$2469. Expenses: meals \$1313, DJ \$200, cake \$150, gratuity \$100, total expenses \$1763. P&L \$706. Sponsoring little league team, pizza party for team and parents at end of season. Sponsoring Justin Leach. St. Augustine shirts-sales continue, Father's Day push. Planning a talent show for the fall. Evangelization-sponsored "Ask A Priest" night.

Sacred Heart League: Elaine reports. September 11, 2015 First meeting of 2015 -2016 Silly Auction, October 2, 2015 Speaker: Deacon Ernest Scrivani, Director, Office of Pastoral Planning, November 7, 2015 cancelled/Social Committee Dinner, December 4 2015 Christmas party at Twisted Vine; lots fun and the delicious food. MARCH 4th Stations of the Cross—members met at 6:45 PM; social meeting held afterwards, APRIL 1,2016 Parish Nurses spoke on Making Choices-planning in Advance for Future Healthcare Choices, MAY 6th: Guest Speaker: Mary O'Brien from the Office of Catholic Social Justice. Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford (CSJM) Topic "The TWO FEET OF LOVE IN ACTION: SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CHARITABLE WORKS. JUNE 3rd: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Dinner: 6 PM AT THE 1757 RESTAURANT in Seymour, CT. Tentative schedule 2016-2017- SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 7 PM Justin Leach, speaker, from the Catholic Center at Rutgers University, October Pot luck meeting, silly auction, discussion of game night, November Game night, December Christmas Party.

Shelter Dinner and Stewardship: Peggy Forrest. Saving money on the bus.

Altar Guild: Joyce Bulinski: recruited 7 new members.

Round Table/Random Digressions. Future dreams are use of, enlargement of parking lot.

Old Business. St. Augustine shirts.

Next meeting: Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7 pm.

Amendment: Review of Minutes of February 22, 2016. Fr. brought up about prior meeting minutes to Al's comment about knowing salaries of all paid employees. It is not mandatory that this information be known by parishioners, therefore, the information will not be provided on the annual financial report.

Secretary, Wendy Rossi