

## ST. PIUS X PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2018

Present: Fr. John, Fr. Scott, Joan Konareski, Tim Brady, Dale Aldieri, Andrew Berezowski, Kim Molski, Jennifer O'Neill, Enzo Dastoli, Kathy Lampron, Charlie Jackowski, Kathy Carr, Susan Petrosino

Excused: Justin Pianka, Maureen DePierro

Guest: Christine Newton

1. Meeting was called to order by Andrew Berezowski at 7:02 PM.

2. **Opening Prayer:** Joan Konareski

3. **Review and approval of September 2018 Minutes:**

Motion to approve Minutes of June 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes approved and passed unanimously

### **Review of Ministry Reports: Approved**

Enzo spoke of a potential change in format to the auction in the hopes of attracting a bigger crowd and possibly a younger population. The Auction Committee is pursuing various options for format and will decide once more information is gathered.

4. **New Parishioner Calls:** Christine Newton came as a guest to report on her contacts for new parishioners over the summer. Andrew Berezowski reported on June – August calls.

5. **Review of Council Retreat** – Council members seemed to prefer the location and the presentation compared to the West Hartford sessions last year.

a. A discussion of 2018-19 goals raised various points :

- i. Engaging Youth and Families
- ii. Millennial Ministry Network
- iii. Engaging the Culture
- iv. New Evangelization (Missionary Disciples)
- v. What to do about the Abuse Scandal

6. **Follow up on 2017-18 Parish Council Goals:**

a. **Engaging youth:** Fr. John advised the committee that things didn't work out with the newly appointed Youth and Family Minister. A review of other candidates who applied is taking place in the hope of hiring one of them. Discussion took place regarding adjusting the focus of the church from engaging youth to engaging millennials to increase the participation from that group. It was clarified that the definition of youth and young adults was extended to 41 years of age. The title of Youth and Family minister is intended to dovetail the goals of youth and the intergenerational population.

b. **Communications:**

- a. The church census forms have been distributed to parishioners. They are due back on Oct 7.
- b. The intern candidate withdrew her application. We will pursue another for the Spring semester.

c. **Handicap Access:** Discussed the challenge of the audio challenges between the front and the back of the church and the challenges of the hearing impaired.

- d. Intergenerational Activity:** Tackling the tough issues that face our work and our church can cover a multitude of topics including euthanasia, the meaning of marriage, the types of social media and how that might impact our emotional and mental health.
    - a. How to add value to the millennial and the young family through the parish.
    - b. Help families find value in the church where they're giving back to the church.
    - c. Help people without close family connections to find a same faith connection.
  - e.** Feast of St. Pius celebration was successful and well received by new parishioners.
  - f.** Add **Millennial Network** as a new goal.
  - g.** Tithing and Stewardship
    - a. Tithing the Tithing Mission Statement has been rewritten
    - b. Cindy Sheehan has resigned. Fr. John will appoint a new member before the next meeting.
- 7. New Business**
- a. Andrew Berezowski, Tim Brady and Charlie Jackowski are preparing an update to the Parish Pastoral Guidelines document**

**Volunteer for Opening Prayer:** Kathy Carr

**Volunteer for New Parishioner Contacts:** Tim Brady

**Meeting called to close by:** Andrew Berezowski at 8:37 p.m. Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously and members adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Petrosino  
Council Secretary