

St. Martin of Tours Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: January 31, 2024. 7:00pm – Weinhart Room

Mission Statement

We aspire to become growing and vibrant disciples of Jesus Christ who are sent to minister to our brothers and sisters in our parish and larger community. We are committed to worship and pray as one community and to welcome those who are new to our parish. We aspire to listen to each other and learn, through a variety of formation meetings, about our heritage and who we hope to become. We aspire to accept our limitations and celebrate our diversity and talents. Lastly, we strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ to serve those in need and to become the Good Shepherds for them.

Members	Present (Y/N)	Members	Present (Y/N)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ (Pastor-ex officio)	Y	Marge Weiler Term 6/2025 Chairperson (Human Concerns)	Y
Kevin Beck Term 6/2025 (Finance)	Y	Joyce Schlachter (Vice-Chairperson) (SW Deanery Rep) Term 6/2025	Y
Jen Moscatello (Secretary) Term 6/2026	Y	Jeannette Schupp (Worship) (SW Deanery Rep) Term 6/2024	N
Hoan Chau – Vietnamese Rep	Y	Jim Wier Term 6/2026 (Stewardship)	Y
Collin Kennedy Term 6/2026 (Formation)	Y	Diane Czerniak Term 6/2024 (Human Concerns)	Y
Dave Vanness (Trustee ex officio)	Y	Joanne Stolarski (Trustee ex officio)	N
Fr. Son Nguyen, SCJ (Assoc Pastor-ex officio)	Y	Fr. Henry Nguyen, SCJ (Assoc-Pastor- ex officio)	N
Guest Jenny Drzewiecki, Ministry & Communications Director	Y	Guest: Br. Andy Gancarczyk, SCJ	N
Guest: Dcn Chuck Schneider	N		

- 1. Opening prayer:** Diane Czerniak
- 2. Check In:** Significant news shared.
- 3. Approval of minutes from Oct 25 and Dec 13, 2023 meetings and review of reports with time for questions if needed:** Motion to approve Oct. 25th minutes made by Jim Wier and seconded by Kevin Beck Motion to approve Dec. 13th minutes made by Joyce Schlachter and seconded by Diane Czerniak. Minutes will be updated on parish website. Food pantry is doing well. The collection bins at Pick n Save, Innovative Fitness, and the library are working well. Food pantry is now looking for sources for frozen meat. Brother Andy & Seminarian Charles are doing ministry at the food pantry.
- 4. Pastor's End of the Year report:** was also included in the January 21st bulletin and in a past homily. Father received mostly positive feedback. Compliments to Father on thanking people, which helps parishioners feel more appreciated.
- 5. Finalize the Mission/Vision statements:** Vietnamese are in agreement with the statements. Hoan Chau translated the statements for the Vietnamese Community. A motion was made to accept the revised

mission/vision statement by Fr. Andrzej and seconded by Marge Weiler. Next steps will be to advertise the updated version in the bulletin, post it in the hallway for others to see as they walk into church. We must be sure to include the Vietnamese translation. Fr. Son suggested clarifying the translation for the Vietnamese. Hoan Chau will forward her translation to Fr. Son and work with him to clarify it. Revised statements will be framed & hung next to the pictures of Parish & Finance Council members. Jenny Drzewiecki will print revised statements on posters with colored matt background and frame them.

- 6. Discussion on Stewardship (30 minutes):** Three current members are listed. Meetings have been held as Mike sees is necessary. Stewardship has a bit of a nebulous nature. Mike has been doing what he feels is good for the parish. Jim suggests that the Parish Council give Mike a direction to go. Regarding subcategories falling into stewardship: even Mike was fuzzy on them. Groups under stewardship that were discussed: Welcome callers, “Celebration” group (does not exist), “Time, talent & treasure” (unknown expectations), “Volunteers”, “Money Counters”, “Fundraisers”, etc.

a. Money counters are volunteers who count weekly collection. A motion was made by Dave Vaness to put money counters under volunteers as a subcategory. Jen Moscatello seconded it. A suggestion was made for stewardship to organize a thank you for them all the money counting teams.

b. “Fundraisers” includes: calendar raffles, Harvest Fest, monthly dinners, Vietnamese New Year, rummage sale, etc. Fr. Son suggests that most fundraising is involved with Diane Winkowski. Jenny Drzewiecki suggested that Jim Wier communicate with Diane about all fundraising activities or email all parish groups to get their fundraising activities to compile a list. Then stewardship could keep the fundraising list up to date. Fr. Andrzej prefers that Vietnamese not be listed under fundraisers. Hoan Chau will talk with the Vietnamese community on where they would like their community to be included.

c. Kevin suggested for the stewardship to look at the parish calendar as a hole to make sure there aren’t conflicts regarding fundraising. Kevin asked if there are currently money handling rules each fundraising group should follow and if so, and how they are to know this information.” Dave Vaness pointed out that Human Concerns fundraises and to reach out to Suzanne Jensen for information.

d. Jim Wier posed the question of how the parish is to know who is active in the community & who is not. According to Jim’s findings, there are 29 different ways for people to be active in the parish. Jim intends to find out how each family is involved in the parish within the 29 different ways. It should be the stewardship group to provide volunteers to groups. Fr. Andrzej believes this is an excellent idea and by compiling this information Jim will get a better idea of who people are within the community. Fr. Andrzej believes it would be best to meet with this idea in a smaller group to perform this task. Jim believes there needs to be more people in the stewardship group. It was suggested that the parish council introduce themselves to people who sit near us at mass – it doesn’t just fall on stewardship. Kevin mentioned that at other parishes the parish council has name tags that they wear to mass to let others know they can come to them with questions.

e. Jim presented the idea of a physical parish directory with photos. The parish did this 10 years ago and it hasn’t been done since. Jen Moscatello expressed that this would be a good project to help unify the parish and to get to know who is involved in the parish. Jenny Drzewiecki has been wanted to do this since she was hired. Her father can help. Joyce suggests having it as a Lenten project to be finished by Easter.

f. Jim presented the 11 wishes in ranking according to the input from all the parish council members who replied. The Parish Council is asked to come back with ideas on how to implement the first few highest-ranking wishes on the list. Jim will then let Mike know.

g. Jim believes improving stewardship will take some work. The Parish Council will need to provide stewardship with a stronger vision of what we expect the stewardship committee to be. Marge believes the first task is to get more members on the committee to diversify the committee.

- h. Fr. Andrzej asked what Jim needs from PC. As the stewardship liaison, Jim needs ideas from Parish Council on how to be able to reach more people or achieve some of the wishes on the wish list.
- i. Fr. Andrzej suggested that each subcommittee of stewardship would have a Vietnamese community member on it.
7. **Discussion to change name for the 360 Committee – Mission Advisory Committee MAC:** on the January 3rd 360-degree committee meeting, the committee came up with a suggestion for a new name for the committee: “Mission & Vision Advisory Council”. The issue with the 360 committee is that others outside the committee are associating it with what it was years ago which is not what it is now, which is advising and helping all the other areas of ministry, underneath the parish council. Jenny Drzewiecki suggested “Mission Advisory Committee”, MAC. Marge Weiler made a motion to recommend this to the committee. Jen Moscatello seconds it. Jen Moscatello will bring this to the committee at the next meeting on February 7th.
8. **Discuss goal for 2/28/24 meeting – use the mission/vision statement for guidance for ideas and projects:** Father is looking for someone to lead the discussion. Finance council asked the PC for recommendations for where to spend the money for the next 3 to 5 years – for the pastoral aspects for the parish (not associated with LOA). Joyce Schlachter will lead the discussion at the February meeting. Jenny Drzewiecki will meet with Joyce prior to the February meeting.
9. **Lent and Easter Schedule:** Very similar plans as last year. Three masses on Ash Wednesday, Stations of Cross every Friday at 6 pm. Pastoral Council will lead the stations of the cross on March 15th. Parish Lenten reflection on March 6th @ 6:30 with Dr. Jeremy Blackwood presenting on the Eucharist & Lent. Confessions for Lent on 2 occasions. Paschal Triduum. Good Friday with stations & soup and bread dinner and 7pm liturgy. Holy Saturday: 3pm blessing of baskets & 8pm bilingual mass for Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday masses scheduled as regular weekend times. Palm Sunday Brunch. Social gatherings such as Wave game on March 10th. Looking to have trivia night. Hospitality will continue.
10. **Other items:** Pallium Lecture at the Brookfield conference center on Thursday, February 15th. The lecturer is the curator of the Vatican Art Museum. Registration is needed early. Attendance is free.
11. This year is the 25th anniversary of the new church & 50 years of the SCJs at St. Martin of Tours. Father suggested having a special mass to celebrate & invite past pastors with the possibility of combining the celebration with the Fall Harvest. A parish ministry that Fr. Would like to talk about in the future is: Youth, with the family ministry after. These are both crucial ministries.
12. Vietnamese New Year celebration planning is well under way.
13. **Record of meeting adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. A motion to end the meeting was made by Jen Moscatello and seconded by Jim Wier.
14. **Next meeting 2/28/2024 7:00 PM Weinhart Room**

2024 Council Meeting Schedule

4-24, 5-29 (joint meeting), 6-26