

St. Martin of Tours Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: Aug 30th, 2023. 7:00pm – Weinhart Room

Mission Statement

St. Martin of Tours Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming, Roman Catholic Community, and to accept the call and challenge of Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to the Word of God through Eucharistic worship, lifelong Catholic education and formation, and works of justice and stewardship. We further strive to follow the example of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, to proclaim the kingdom of God through our generosity, love and service to one another and our neighbors.

Members	Present (Y /N)	Members	Present (Y /N)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol, SCJ (Pastor-ex officio)	Y	Marge Weiler Term 6/2025 (Stewardship)	Y
Ken Keefer (Chairperson) Term 6/2023	Y	Joyce Schlachter (Vice-Chairperson) (SW Deanery Rep) Term 6/2025	Y
Patti Pluta (Formation) 6/2023	N	Jeannette Schupp (Worship) (SW Deanery Rep) Term 6/2024	Y
Jen Moscatello (Secretary Nominee) Term 6/2026	Y	Dave Vanness (Trustee ex officio)	Y
Kevin Beck Term 6/2025 (Finance)	Y	Pat Boyer (Trustee ex officio)	Y
Hoan Chau – Vietnamese Rep	Y	Fr Henry Nguyen, SCJ (Assoc. Pastor-ex officio)	Y
Fr. Son Nguyen, SCJ (Assoc. Pastor-ex officio)	N		

Opening Prayer: Kevin Beck

Significant news shared.

Guests Present: Deacon Chuck, Jennifer Drzewiecki

Approval of Minutes: Updated minutes of June 28th meeting sent electronically. Motion to approve made by Pat Boyer and seconded by Kevin Beck. Minutes will be updated on parish website.

Transition update: Ken is present to assist Marge at this meeting. His leadership is appreciated. Ken Keefer and Patti Pluta will be thanked at the bonfire next week.

Discernment for new members: Ken Keefer. Ken sent a script for the discernment to Marge and Father Andrzej. Marge talked with Elaine (is a no). Jim Wier emailed his nomination. Diane Czerniak wants to apply and was told to send her paperwork to the parish office. Discernment will be at the scheduled September 27th meeting, including the candidates. This meeting will include the discernment of new roles within the council. Marge will email Collin & Jim. The other position that is open is Barb Poepping's position that is a 1 year position. However, it is not completely necessary to fill that. All were in agreement that Barb's position is not necessary to fill. Marge will send the discernment script to the entire parish council.

Pastor's Report: the summer was less busy and had a slower pace. There was much preparation for high school religious education and wrapping up for LOA campaign.

Archdiocese Love One Another Capital Campaign: Parish goal is \$1,098,000. As of last week: parish raised \$1,135,275. Vietnamese contributed \$204,100. 258 pledges were received. 28% of parish families participated.

360 Committee - Ken Keefer: Ken provided summary for what 360° committee has been doing to include on parish website & bulletin. Each committee is requested to provide 360° committee a 5-year vision for their area of the parish. This will then be forwarded to the building committee & pastoral council. We are very involved in trying to get the youth involved in the parish & to incorporate the Vietnamese into the parish. The Family & Youth Committee will be separated into 2 separate committees: 1 family committee and 1 youth committee. The 360° committee is looking to change the name of the committee to expand beyond the 5 years that the committee was initially developed to look at.

Building Committee - Jenny: Michael Laird from the Archdiocese walked through the parish office & school buildings. He was impressed with the shape of the facilities compared to other buildings in the Archdiocese. He suggested having the building committee analyze the options for the parish concerning the parish facilities with costs. Then there will be a parish wide 'town hall' meeting to share those options. At the next Building Committee meeting the options will be researched & created. There is tuck pointing being done right now along the 2-story side of the building. Food pantry transition has been phenomenal. Partnership with Muskego food pantry has been smooth. Two homeschool groups & a Scottish dance group are renting usage of our facilities.

Vietnamese Community Report – Hoan Chau: Whitnall Park picnic was a success. Egg rolls will be sold at St. Martins Fair. There will be a mass & picnic at Holy Hill on 9/17/23.

Parish Committee Reports:

- Communications – Jenny. One thousand fliers have been made for St. Martins Fair for the beer tent, egg roll booth, and parking lot. Vietnamese need help rolling egg rolls in the parish hall beginning at 10 am. Parish Council is invited to help. Jenny is working on branding (keeping colors, logo, etc. consistent) across the bulletin & website. The playground has been updated. Catholic schoolhouse will do a bake sale to help offset the cost for playground upgrades. In the future, we will include more Vietnamese information in the flier.
- Formation – no questions on the report. Jen will email Fr. Andrzej asking to make mass announcements prior to the 1st Adult Formation event.
- Worship – no report submitted.
- Human Concerns – Food Pantry: 46 families, 108 adults, and 63 children were served in July. There was a strong suggestion from the Finance Council to have how many families the food pantry serves each month on the bulletin/website. Dave has been working with Suzanne Jensen. There is an official form that will be used for any recommendations from any committee for donations. Suzanne will be holding a

meeting on September 13th. There was no tracking done prior to this for donations. There is now a tracking mechanism in place to use this point forward. Marge suggested forming a St. Vincent de Paul Committee or to put a notice in the bulletin. It was decided to put a notice in the bulletin to notify the parish that Human Concerns is able to help people in need. People seeking help or wishing to help others should contact the parish office. Parish office will contact the Human Concerns. Jenny D. will work with Suzanne to write something up and will copy Dave Vaness on any communication.

- Stewardship – welcome postcards - 1,000 postcards will be sent out to new families in Franklin that have moved here within the past 2 years.

Finance Committee – Kevin Beck:

- July Financial Report. Selection of officers took place at the July meeting. Vice Chair: Sally Smits, Secretary: Kevin Beck. Finance Council reviewed a prioritized listing of projects compiled by IEM (parish maintenance vendor). Finance Council reviewed the upgrade of folding chairs and internet connection from the June Parish Council meeting. Finance Council's goal is to be proactive in the repairs of facilities. Giving patterns for the parish were analyzed and brainstorming took place to how to improve the parish's giving patterns.

Old Business:

- South Dakota mission – Notice was placed in the bulletin and it was announced.
- Finance and Pastoral Council Retreat planning – Jenny Oct 21. Redemptorist Retreat Center in Waukesha. We will review the Mission & Vision statement and make sure both councils are on the same page. Pat Boyer & Deacon Chuck will lead the discussion on what it means and how to implement it in the parish. Jenny invited Laura Engel to the retreat via email. Half of the retreat will be business related and half will be spiritual related. Suggestions on spiritual topics provided: Eucharist, synod, us as missionaries, concupiscence. The leader is dependent on the spiritual topic.
- Bonfire at Novitiate on 9/8/2023 beginning at 5 pm. Jen Moscatello will forward the previously sent email to PC. Father needs to know how many people will come. A count was taken: 20 people will attend.

New Business:

- Eucharistic Revival – Deacon Chuck: Part of reason for USSCB for calling this is fact that 60% of Catholics do not believe that Christ is not in the Eucharist. The Milwaukee Archdiocese is participating in the 3-year Eucharistic Revival. Materials shared, including the Fall 2023-Spring 2024 schedule for Eucharistic Revival. Deacon Chuck will be creating signs regarding the Eucharistic Revival. This year's theme for High School English & Vietnamese religious education is The Eucharist. The high school religious ed. students will be working on getting the signs ready. Deacon Chuck will work with Hoan Chau on having signage and materials in Vietnamese as well. Cards on subject matter will be put in the pews over the course of the three years. Jen Moscatello asked if there was a possibility to advertise more of our Adoration at the parish on Monday evenings. Father asked Jen to brainstorm possibilities to advertise Monday night Adoration at our parish.

2023-2024 Council Schedule

9-27, 10-25, 11-29, 1-31, 2-28, 4-24, 5-29, 6-26

Closing Prayer: Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. A motion to end the meeting was made by Jen Moscatello and seconded by Jeannette Schupp.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27th @ 7:00 in the Weinhart Room