Meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Martin de Porres

September 9th, 2025 at St. Mary’s, 7pm

Present: Mary Dachille , Phil Daggar, Tom Magin, Colleen Mance, Steve Mance, Kathy McKenna, Michael Miller, Diana Mishler, Joe Snyder, Colleen Trevisani, Fr. Carlos

Absent: Sharon Scantlin, Dan Flaherty, Marietta Phillips

Visitors: None

Introductions: Members reintroduced themselves and the worship site they represent

Opening Prayer: Fr. Carlos

Mail: None

**Review of minutes from7/1/25 meeting**

* Motion to accept minutes by Tom Magin, seconded by Steve Mance and accepted.

**Review of Pastoral Covenant**

* Council members and Fr. Carlos to review, submit any recommended changes in writing, put on agenda for next meeting

**Suggestion of 6pm start of Pastoral Council meetings**

* Council members agreed

**Red box suggestions**

* Discussed how virtual red box messages are received (email notification)
* Check physical boxes at each site

**Committee Communications reports:**

**Faith Formation**- Tom M

* 14 families have registered online
* 2 current candidates for youth ministry and confirmation

**Liturgy**- Colleen T

* Minutes sent to Kathy
* Re-evaluating with Fr. Carlos (such as altar servers, ushers)
* Meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**Building and Grounds** – Steve M

* No recent meeting
* Fr. Carlos shared that the boiler at St. Columba’s will be replaced, estimated $76,000
* Repair of roof at St. Vincent’s will start next week, estimated $16,000

**Social Ministry** –

* August 12th meeting minutes shared
* Amount of general tithing: $166/month, looking at possibly doing donations every other month or possibly quarterly; Dimitri House will be $200/month, Day Star Kids will be $400
* Fruit ministry- St. Martin de Porres Parish takes care of the fruit for the backpack program for Cal-Mum. Last year donated 40 backpacks
* Food Pantry- MDP was supporting the Angry Rooster, had to cease as it’s not a 5013C.
* HBCCC (Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha) received 18 bags of shoes (25 shoes to a bag), $$ goes to the Rochester CSD for birthdays
* Back to school crayon and marker collections
* Winter coat donations will run Oct. 24-Feb 28- 1st group will go to Mary’s place or Open Door Mission, 2nd group will go to St. Monica’s, any left- ODM.
* Giving tree- will be up Nov 22, gifts to be back by Dec 13. St. Columba’s tree supports Livingston County Catholic Charities and Cal-Mum, St. Mary’s supports Monroe Cty Catholic Charities and SWIM, and St. Vincent’s goes to Churchville Elementary
* October 14 is next meeting

**Finance:** Tom M

* July meeting minutes forwarded to council
* Noted some drop of attendance over the summer, “on par” with expectations
* Discussed collections- surpassing weekly budget amount 23x, but was short from budget expectations overall.
* CMA amount will be $99k
* Change of bank accounts to Thompson’s, merged cemetery accounts.
* October 11, Peter Lent will discuss overall budget at Masses- 6/30 deficit of $7k (but overall in good shape)
* Diocese bankruptcy confirmed, Bishop to have letter in next bulletin

**Strategic Planning**

* Last meeting 9-3-25: good turnout, looking at what this committee’s role is (“planning” vs. “doing.”)
* **Communications**
  + Meetings paused currently

**Parish and Council Events:**

* **Family Gathering**- 9/20/25- Mike provided update on tickets sold, enough to cover expenses and possibly more. Next month will give final report
* **Parish Retreat**- Fr. Carlos would like to have 2 retreats per year, one during Advent, the other during Lent.
* **Food and Fellowship**- Mike (as Marietta was absent)
* “Host person” is still needed at St. Columba
* Purpose should focus on fellowship vs. food (keep it simple)
* **Pastoral Council Retreat**- TBD, typically held at Mercy Spirituality Center in Feb.
* **Town Hall**- Tentative date May 3, need to address sound system issue.
* **Blood Drive** – October 9th, 2-7pm at Hartman Hall, flyers disseminated, looking for volunteers. Red Cross need approx. 40 donators to confirm date.
* **Garage Sale**- Raised $9,000. Will be posting a “pop up” sale in October for Halloween/Christmas items
* **Metalico Fundraiser report**: Discussed issue with total amount raised, as it appears that not all metal donations were accounted for.
* **Security Protocol/AED**: Suggested review of protocol and announcement to Parish

**Patrick Place Update/Events**

* Board continues to oversee. Suggested speaker to help increase volunteers, possibly host F&F?
* Dessert Tea: Sept 27
* Golf outing was well attended
* Gala at Jack’s Place on October 17th
* Luminary December 20th, 4:30-7:30p

**Closing Prayer**: Fr. Carlos

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Mance, Secretary

**Next meeting: October 7pm, 2025—6pm at St. Vincent’s**

**Prayer Leader: Tom**